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Otto Strasser's Theory On Hess

ARMY COUP HINTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Otto Strasser, leader in exile of the anti-Nazi Black Front, members of which are still secretly active in Germany, yesterday linked Rudolf Hess's flight with underground reports Strasser said he had received of an impending military coup to overthrow Hitler.

Reached by International News in Montreal by telephone from New York, Strasser said he had received "definite information" from Germany weeks ago of army dissatisfaction.

STRASSER SAID: "THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND IS FED UP WITH HITLER, AND A FAMOUS GERMAN GENERAL HAS ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED TO SUCCEED HIM AS MILITARY DICTATOR."

Strasser, one of the original founders of the Nazi Party, fled for his life in 1934 after his brother, Gregor Strasser, also a Nazi pioneer, was killed in the blood purge of that year.

"Hess knew the army chief," Strasser declared. "He knew just as they hate Hitler and Himmler and other Nazi leaders with the exception of Goering," Strasser declared.—International News Service.

FRANCE'S QUISLING

A CABLE FROM GENERAL DE GAULLE WAS READ AT A LARGE MEETING OF FREE FRENCH IN SYDNEY YESTERDAY URGING A REDOUBLING OF THE ATTACKS ON VICHY AND DECLARING THAT DARLAN WAS FRANCE'S QUISLING AND THE AGENT OF GERMAN.

M. Brenac, Sydney Free French leader, said Free French in Australia were with the French people in the struggle against Germany.

There were emotional scenes at the meeting and cries of "Vive la France" and "Vive Australia".—Reuter.

SOVIET ENVOY CALLS ON MR. HULL

Clarification of the uncertain Soviet-United States relations is believed imminent with the arrangement yesterday afternoon of a conference between Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and Mr. Komarovsky, the Soviet Ambassador.

EARLIER HESS LETTER TO DUKE OF HAMILTON

RINGED IN BLUE PENCIL ON RUDOLF HESS'S MAP, ON WHICH THE DEPUTY FUEHRER HAD PLOTTED HIS COURSE FROM AUGSBURG TO SCOTLAND, WAS THE DUCAL SEAT OF THE DUKE OF HAMILTON AND LANARKSHIRE.

When, in the gathering dusk on Saturday night, Hess made his dramatic crash landing some eight miles from Glasgow, the first thing he asked was the way to Dungavel.

He had mistaken a large house he had sighted as the mansion he was seeking and, failing to find a suitable landing ground, decided to descend by parachute.

Despite his damaged ankle he wanted to be taken to the Duke's house, which he thought was nearby.

According to the farmer MacLean, Hess did not say why he wanted to see the Duke but obviously was very anxious to do so.

It was recalled in an official German news agency broadcast yesterday that Hess met the Duke of Hamilton at the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936.

A statement authorized in Germany says the documents left behind by Hess revealed he wanted to meet the Duke of Hamilton in order to attempt to effect peace between Germany and England, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

Earlier Letter

In connection with this message it can now be revealed that Hess made an attempt to communicate with the Duke of Hamilton by letter some months previously.

The Duke immediately placed the letter in the hands of the British Security authorities and no reply was made to Hess.

The Duke had met Hess on one or two occasions before the war in connection with sporting matters in which both were interested.

Hess is alleged to have said that when the Duke was the Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale he knew him well and that he had flown to Scotland and made his estate his objective as he had valuable information to give the Duke.

Tyranny in Reich

This information, Hess said, would be of great use to the British in overthrowing the tyranny that now prevails in the Reich.

—Reuter.

Hess averred he made the most painstaking preparations for his flight from Germany.

This statement was borne out by maps he had used for navigation, on all of which the Duke's estates were ringed in a circle.

It was a tribute to Hess's capabilities as a plot that he should arrive in Scotland and land at a point in such close proximity to his objective.

Hardships In Germany

Hess is reported to have told the farm people of the hardship now being experienced in Germany and of the great distress amongst the people there over the bombing by the R.A.F. and of the suffering of the civilian population.

He also said that he had a message of great importance to deliver to the Duke of Hamilton.—Reuter.

Daylight Raiders

Bombs were dropped by single aircraft at points on the south coast, in the east Midlands and in eastern England yesterday, says an Air Ministry communique.

Little damage was done and the number of casualties was small.

Total planes destroyed in daylight on Sunday, May 11, it is now stated, was six; and A.A. guns have now claimed an additional success.

One bomber was brought down over England on Tuesday night.—Reuter.

Night Bombing Menace

The progress of research in combating the night bombing menace was mentioned by the Home Secretary Mr. Herbert Morrison, in a speech in London yesterday.

On the subject of night fighters Mr. Morrison declared: "There have been great achievements. I am told that research and development have gone as far in these last 10 months as they would have done in 10 years of normal peacetime, so that to-day those who know best think that in night interception we are rather more than a shade ahead of the enemy."

While warning against hasty conclusions from the recent successes, Mr. Morrison claimed

Franz von Papen, German Ambassador to Turkey, had a hour's interview with President Inonu yesterday afternoon, says an Istanbul despatch to the official German news agency.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, was present. Von Papen paid the customary call of an Ambassador returning to his post at the Foreign Office and saw Dr. Sarajoglu.

The Turkish Cabinet held its usual weekly meeting later in the day, after which Dr. Sarajoglu addressed the People's Party secret session for an hour on the subject of foreign affairs.

The Premier, Dr. Saydam, then gave a resume of foreign developments, after which the meeting, in the words of the official communique, ended with an outburst of applause.

Nothing Known

While nothing is known of the conversation between von Papen and Dr. Sarajoglu, well-informed circles in Ankara believe the Ambassador either delivered or will deliver proposals for closer economic collaboration between Germany and Turkey.—Reuter.

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U.S. Ambassador On "Wise Use Of Navies"

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"THE FREEDOM-LOVING AND PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES OF THIS EARTH ARE COMING TO REALISE THAT THIS IS NOT BRITAIN'S FIGHT ALONE," DECLARED THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR, MR. JOHN WINANT, ADDRESSING AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION LUNCHEON GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

"On the wise use by the navies of the world may hang the destinies of the world's free people," Mr. Winant continued.

"A kindly providence at this time of stress and danger has placed at the heads of the two great English-speaking peoples two men whose knowledge of the sea is probably greater than any statesmen of any time.

"The problems before them in the defence of their countries are not simple problems but complicated ones."

The American ideals of the English-speaking peoples of the world are excluded. They are ideals which in no country that loves liberty and hates tyranny.

"To day the English speaking peoples are again being drawn together in a struggle to preserve not only their common heritage but the common ideals of freedom and justice everywhere."

With the American coming to the aid of the English-speaking peoples, the world is being drawn together in a struggle to preserve not only their common heritage but the common ideals of freedom and justice everywhere."

Grim Experience

"So far the totalitarians have been amazingly successful. Experience has proved they have a way of keeping their threats and promises."

"One by one they have destroyed one nation after another, and for men and women of good will there is only one choice."

"WHEN THE DICTATORS CONSIDER TOGETHER MEN AND WOMEN OF GOODWILL, EVERYWHERE MUST ACT TOGETHER."

Speaking on the same occasion, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said the ignominious aim for which Germans must now suffer, and the was to seek to enslave others, but this conception was a dead fantasy.

Forces Of History

Europe would never be composed of one master race and a score of subject races. The Nazis were fighting against the natural forces of history and were seeking to reverse the flow of the rivers of time.

It was therefore not surprising to find among the small group of men trying to impose their rule by force evidence of dissension.

In this one might find a partial explanation at least of the recent parachute descent that so much electrified the world.

Greatest Hope

In the growing Anglo-American understanding lay the greatest hope for the world's future.

Mr. Eden concluded: "We share the same traditions and we here know you understand when we say that rather than yield up the faith in which we believe we are prepared to suffer whatever it may be that German might can impose."—Reuter.

VICAR'S LAST DAY AT WOBURN

Visited By Son Of Pacifist Duke

Archdeacon H. Martindale, who has vacated the living of St. Mary's Woburn, Bedfordshire, because the patron, the pacifist Duke of Bedford, declines to pay his £330 share of the £350 stipend, gave a personal explanation of his position in his farewell sermon.

In a voice that broke at times with emotion, he said: "It has not been altogether a question of no house and no salary. At times my wife and I have almost decided to stay, in spite of that serious handicap."

"Only on Friday night we took pencil and paper, and for nearly two hours worked out whether, with no vicarage and no stipend, but only my small private income, it was possible to stay. It meant, of course, many sacrifices; it meant our children being withdrawn from school. Nevertheless, we decided we were willing to bear all that so that we could stay."

Neglect Of Worship

"Then there came back very vividly the memory of my ministry at Woburn and the consciousness that I have failed. I have thought so many times of the neglect of worship here—hundreds never entering God's house."

He had been used to town, not the country; that might to some extent explain his failure.

Archdeacon Martindale, who takes up his new duties at Ashwell, near Baldock, was visited by the Duke's eldest son, the Marquess of Tavistock, and the Marchioness.

They expressed their regret that he was vacating a living which had been under the patronage of the Dukes of Bedford for six centuries.

"We are motoring through Woburn and feel we would like to say farewell," the Marquess said shortly before he made the call at the vicarage, the gift of which forms part of the emoluments of the incumbent. This has also been withdrawn by the present Duke, who states that he is opposed to the attitude of the Church of England in supporting the war, which he regards as "mass murder."

The presence of the Marquess of Tavistock in this little township of 1,000 people caused considerable speculation as to his plans. It is known that he does not share his father's views.

DARLAN SELL-OUT NOT YET AT ITS FINAL STAGES

WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES IN VICHY ARE OF OPINION THAT THE FRANCO-GERMAN DISCUSSIONS HAVE COVERED A WIDER FIELD THAN MERE ECONOMIC MATTERS AND THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE FINAL STAGES, THE SWISS RADIO REPORTED LAST NIGHT.

The negotiations, it is said, dealt with France's place in the new Europe of Germany and Italy.

It is also reported that the Armistice clause will be revised and a new demarcation line established between the occupied and unoccupied zones.

Nothing definite is yet known of French concessions to Berlin, but the main German idea seems to be to oppose the Anglo-Saxon industrial bloc by an European industrial bloc in which the French metallurgical and mining industries would play an important part.

THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN HITLER AND ADMIRAL DARLAN TOOK PLACE AT BERCHTESGADEN, ACCORDING TO THE SWISS RADIO QUOTING VICHY REPORTS.

Ribbentrop and Field-Marshal Keitel were present.

Hitler Visiting Paris?

Darlan arrived by special train from Paris accompanied by the Nazi Ambassador there, Abez, and Commandant Fontaine of the French Ministry of Marine.

The Swiss announcer added it had been unofficially stated in Vichy that Darlan would shortly go to Paris, where he would have a fresh meeting with "a high German personality," with a view to putting into operation the agreement already reached in principle. — Reuter.

"MORE WAVELLS IN ARMY"

"We have other generals like Wavell and we have other troops in this island training for their job, who, when their time comes, are not going to be left behind by Wavell's men," said Field-Marshal Sir Cyril Deverell, a former Chief of the Imperial General Staff, at Aberdare.

"They are determined to show," he went on, "that we are not only 'stickers' but that we now have a

IRAQ TALKS IN ANKARA

Shawket Ali, Iraq Defence Minister, had an interview yesterday with the Soviet Ambassador in Ankara and with President Inonu, reports Toulouse radio quoted by Reuter.

LATEST POSITION IN IRAQ

The latest position in Iraq was defined by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Small forces of the R.A.F. at Habbaniyah had successfully beaten off an attack by Iraqi forces and now control the whole area round the cantonment, Mr. Eden said.

Both they and the Imperial forces at Basra were being rapidly reinforced and vigorous air actions were being carried out by the R.A.F. against military objectives throughout Iraq. The British Government, said Mr. Eden, is convinced that the action of Raschid Ali and his supporters in launching an attack on a loyal ally of their country is not upheld by the Iraqi people as a whole.

The British Government never had any intention to threaten the independence of Iraq. Their sole desire had been to maintain their treaty rights. — Reuter.

LORD GORT TAKES NEW COMMAND

Lord Gort, new Governor of Gibraltar, assumed command yesterday when he took the oath of allegiance at Government House, says Reuter.

HITLER'S NEXT MOVE: ANKARA SPECULATION

MAIN TOPIC OF CONVERSATION IN ANKARA IS WHERE THE GERMANS WILL MOVE NEXT; MOST FAVOURED SPOT IS SYRIA.

Yalcin, in the newspaper "Yenisabah," declares the Germans will probably try to invade Egypt via Syria but adds that the hope they will try and get to Syria is their affair — "in any case they will not pass through Turkey, that we know definitely."

Other newspapers carry unconfirmed reports that German bombers have arrived at Mosul.

Many people in Ankara are of opinion that Hitler is trying to persuade Darlan to convince

highly trained and well-equipped Army, capable of offensive action, understanding and practising co-operation with the other Services and capable of carrying on to such lengths that our enemy's power will be broken, giving him no rest or respite until final victory is achieved."

The world had not yet seen what could be done by an air invasion on a large scale. Where such an invasion had to be carried out on a country strongly defended both on the ground and in the air, with the fighting forces backed by a determined civilian population, extreme difficulties faced the invader.

Those difficulties were more than doubled when he was not in command of the sea.

Marshal Petain to allow German troops and planes to land in Syria, whence they would proceed to Iraq.

Another group point out that the Germans have at present 18 divisions in Moldavia, which is more than the number there before the invasion of the Balkans.

Threat To Stalin

They add the Germans are known to have concentrated large sea-going barges on the lower Danube.

This they regard to mean that Hitler either intends attacking Russia or else will use the threat of invasion to secure concessions from Stalin.

The Turkish Government is regarding the situation coolly and continues to take the defence measures for which the National Assembly voted an extra credit of 13,500,000 Turkish pounds. — Reuter.

Shuttlecock Operations In Desert: British Mechanised Troops In Action

OPERATIONS IN THE Western Desert continue to be of a shuttlecock nature, and after Monday's German thrust the British forces have taken the initiative by pressing home with mechanised forces in the Sollum area and also harassing the enemy columns surrounding Tobruk.

Military circles in Cairo consider the German thrust was planned temporarily to throw out of gear the effectiveness of the ever-increasing British armoured patrols.

The temperatures have again shot upward in North Africa and with a continued blazing sun widespread operations become difficult. Military circles are confident, however, that whatever tactics the enemy chooses, these will be countered by equally vigorous assaults by the British Imperial forces.

Reuters's special correspondent with a mobile patrol in the Western Desert says that not only are the Germans being held on the whole of the 50-mile front, some 40 miles inside the Egyptian border, but reconnaissance planes reported yesterday morning that one or two of the five columns appear to be withdrawing.

This may mean they have had to abandon the intention of thrusting along the coast simultaneously with an attempt to cut off the Allied forces by a southward sweep across the desert.

At the moment it is still not clear whether this attack is a full-scale effort or only a big raid intended to test the strength of the Allied force and positions.

Hesitant Standstill

Soon after pushing forward at sunrise on Monday the Germans met Allied advanced defensive screens and artillery shelled the clouds of swirling dust which marked the positions of the advancing German eight-wheeled armoured cars and tanks.

This brought them to a hesitant standstill.

While they were trying unsuccessfully to feel a way through the Allied positions, fighter planes suddenly swooped down on them from the sun, sending them scurrying in all directions.

First Action

Plane after plane swept low through the dust clouds all through the day until darkness over the desert swallowed armoured cars and tanks.

In these operations South African Air Force units were in action for the first time in the Western Desert. They had arrived from Eritrea. — Reuters.

Limited Offensive

A limited offensive operation from Tobruk and the withdrawal of the enemy to his original position in the Sollum area, were announced in a G.H.Q. communique in Cairo yesterday.

The communique says: Tobruk—during a limited offensive operation carried out by our troops from Tobruk two German medium tanks were captured and many casualties inflicted on the enemy.

In the Sollum area the enemy has again withdrawn to his original position south and west of Sollum, where he is being continuously harassed by our mechanised patrols.

In Abyssinia

In Abyssinia, despite road obstruction and other physical difficulties our two forces converging on Amba Alagi are making satisfactory progress.

In the lakes area south of Addis Ababa a further success has been gained by the capture of a strongly defended enemy position. Prisoners taken number 500 with two batteries

of artillery, five light tanks and one anti-tank gun.

Our troops have also occupied Algi, an important post north of Yavello, while on the Neghelli-Balle road the pursuit of the enemy is continuing.

IN AN ACTION ON MONDAY WITH THE ENEMY REAR-GUARD, WHICH WAS DRIVEN BACK WITH HEAVY LOSSES, OUR TROOPS CAPTURED OVER 100 PRISONERS.

In Iraq the situation is quiet. — Reuters.

PAYMENTS TO LAW BREAKERS

Fined, But Given Money

Money-making by breaking the black-out law may become a popular practice in Belfast if the present comedy at the police court continues. There have been so many cases that the magistrates have had difficulty in dealing with them owing to lack of accommodation.

In one week the resident magistrate, Mr. F. McCoy, adjourned 535 summonses, and in each case, by way of protest against the conditions at the court, granted 10s costs against the corporation, which is responsible for providing the premises.

Prolonged efforts to provide alternative accommodation have resulted in a deadlock.

735 Cases On List

In the meantime 400 new cases have come on the books and only 200 of the adjourned summonses have been dealt with, leaving a total now on the list of 735. Some were so trivial that the magistrate imposed only a 5s fine. The 10s costs against the corporation stood, with the result that policemen were ordered to hand over to several defendants 5s.

Most of the defendant's were women, and they left the court in a state of bewilderment.

There are daily conferences on the part of the corporation's legal advisers as to the best steps to be taken to put an end to the situation.

UNITY AFTER WAR

Mr. W. J. Brown, general secretary of the Civil Service Clerical Association, broadcasting, said that any attempt to solve the problems of transition from war to peace on party lines would be fatal.

"Mr. Churchill, in his aside in the House of Commons a week or so ago," he said, "made it plain that he and the Government realise this. He contemplates the continuance of National Government

Raschid Ali In Isolation

Reports from Iraq show that not a single tribal chief is among persons who have sent telegrams of congratulation to Raschid Ali in connection with his anti-British movement.

Only prominent Iraqi personality who has expressed sympathy with the movement is Na Suwaidi, brother of the ex-Foreign Minister, Tewfik Suwaidi. All others abstained.

Raschid Ali's closest supporters appear to have been drawn from a little known clique of malcontents and intriguers.

It is recalled that Raschid Ali himself spent a year in confinement in 1936 and afterwards went to Berlin for medical treatment. — Reuters.

NAZIS FEAR DAMAGING HESS REVELATIONS

THE LETTER LEFT behind in Germany by Rudolf Hess contains no sign that the Nazi Deputy Fuehrer deserted in consequence of hallucinations; according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" yesterday this was officially stated in Berlin.

The statement, the correspondent adds, warns the public against drawing conclusions from statements by Hess from England which Britain will use for propaganda purposes and which already have been branded as "obtained under duress."

Meanwhile officers of the Special Branch of Scotland Yard throughout yesterday were checking all callers at the hospital where Hess is detained. A military guard has also been posted at the gates and only authorised persons are being allowed to pass.

A horde of newsreel men yesterday descended upon MacLean, the Scottish ploughman who captured Hess, and begged him to re-enact his part in the affair.

MacLean declared: "I'm not wanting to be a film star—I've no time to go to the pictures." When the newsreel men said they would come back later, MacLean replied: "It will need to be later. A ploughman's work is never done."

More Trouble

In response to their entreaties he said: "You can take me while I'm ploughing," so the cameramen staggered over the rough ploughed field and MacLean, greatly amused, said to his horse: "You can think a lot more of yourself to-day, Silver." When the photographers had finished, MacLean told them: "You people coming up here and keeping me off my work, have been more trouble than the German was." — Reuters.

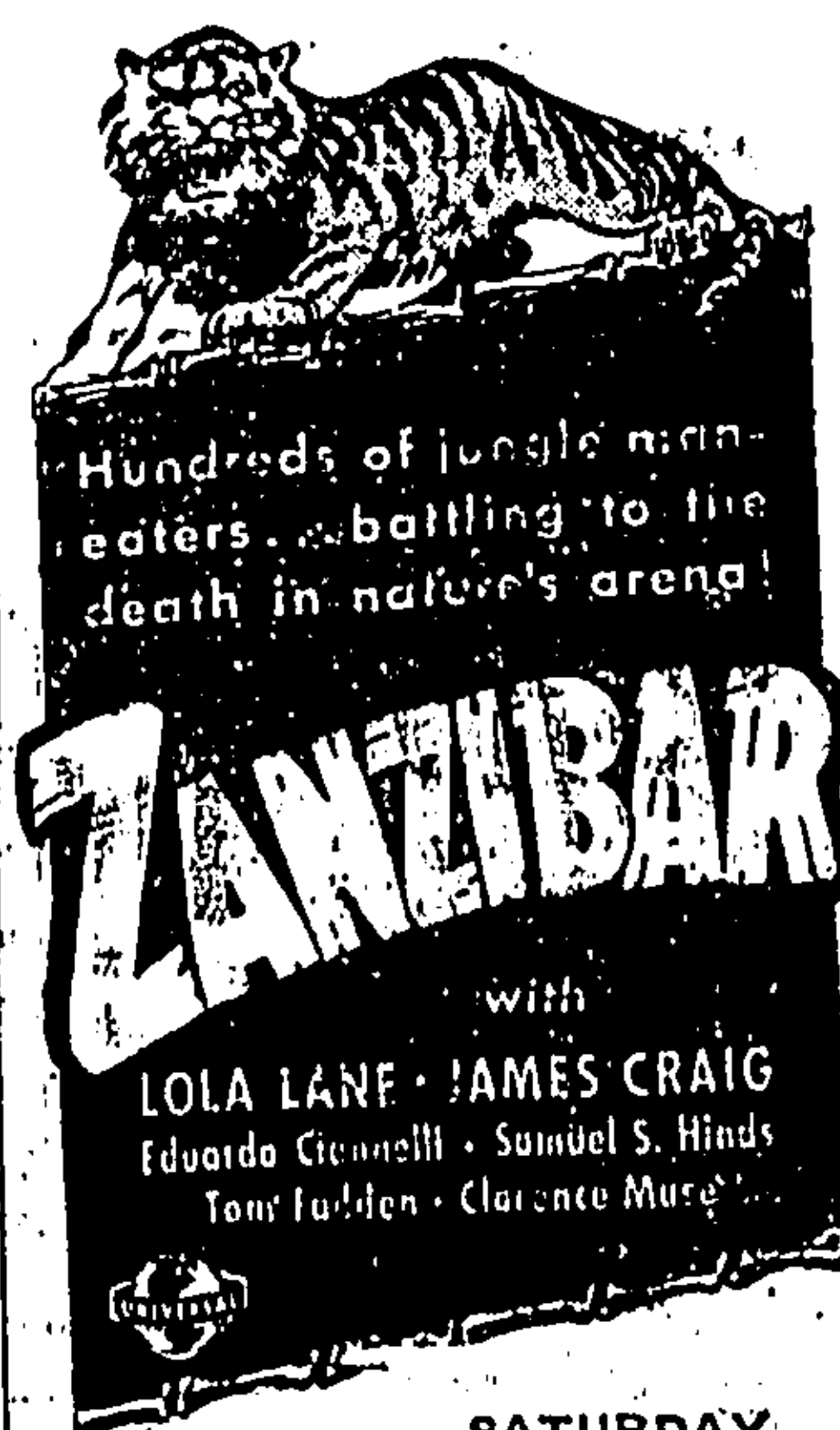


In order to overcome the perils of Nazi fire bombs every able bodied man between 16 and 60 not already engaged on civil defence, is now liable to immediate call-up in the new fire-fighting service. For the first time in British history civilians will be conscripted to give up to 48 hours a month guarding office, factory or home. Photo shows a voluntary fire watcher equipped for action on the roof of a London building. (Copyright, Fox).

PEIPING BOYCOTT

Questioned in the Commons by Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons) on what action he had taken with reference to the declaration by the chairman of the Peiping People's Anti-British Association, that no leniency should be shown anybody openly selling British goods, the Foreign Secretary said he had called for a report and would then consider what action may be appropriate. — Reuters.

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"WE SHALL SEE IT THROUGH," DECLARED MR. L. S. AMERY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA, SPEAKING AT COVENTRY LAST EVENING AND REFERRING TO THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC.

After recalling how the first air Battle of Britain last autumn "put an end to all Hitler's dreams of walking into and over our unarmed England," Mr. Amery said: "A second air and submarine battle, covering both Britain and its Atlantic approaches, is in progress. It calls for all our energy and skill to meet it."

W.A.A.F. NEEDS 'PLOTTERS'

Hush-Hush Job In
Air Raids

When women were first recruited for the Women's Auxiliary Air Force there were five trades that they could enter. To-day there are 20.

In the year and a half since the force was formed, these women have released thousands of R.A.F. men from routine jobs for more important work. They have made themselves just as much a part of our defence as the fighting men.

An Commandant K. J. Trefusis Forbes, Director of the W.A.A.F., declared that the women's efficiency is very high.

Keeping Secrets

The W.A.A.F. can make use of the girl who can keep a secret. She can become a "plotter" and do highly confidential work.

Women serve as radio operators, teleprinter operators, cooks—there is a big demand for these secretaries, shorthand-typists, account clerks, and in many other ways.

Women work on equal terms with men when both have attained proficiency.

Many of the bigger air stations have their own cinemas and recreation huts. They have weekly dances, sing-songs and full-dress entertainments, and when the weather improves there will be tennis tournaments and other outdoor games.

GLIDER'S FLIGHT CAUSED CONCERN

A GLIDER'S FLIGHT WAS STATED AT EASTLEIGH, HANTS, TO HAVE BEEN SEEN BY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WITH THE RESULT THAT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONCERN WAS FELT.

Four men and a girl were accused under the Defence Regulations of flying the glider without the requisite authority. They were Ronald Edward C. ear, London Road, Purbrook; Frank Sidney Walker Joliff, Dover Road, Portsmouth; Albert Frank Parslow, Connor Road, Portsmouth; and Edward Jeremiah Hudson, and Audrey Mary Barry, both of Woodman Inn, Pudding.

Clear said that he went to test the glider. His friends had no idea that what he proposed was illegal.

Clear was fined £25 and the others were bound over.

S. COAST TOWNS FILLING

Residents Defy
Invasion Threat

There is a noticeable difference between the people of the "invasion" coasts of Britain now and last September. Last autumn people were leaving the south and south-east coasts in their hundreds, and even thousands, through fear of invasion. Now there are indications that the populations of many seaside towns are increasing. Invasion no longer frightens them.

Six months ago so great was the exodus from some towns that many business people who were left behind were faced with ruin.

Now, however, the "nerve" part of Hitler's invasion plan has failed. There are few on the coast who are not expecting an invasion, but the prospect no longer seems to hold any fear for them.

Even families who fled from the coast last autumn now prefer to return and face the music. Not only that, but people who normally lived in areas far removed from the coast are taking up residence in coast towns.

An official of Worthing Corporation said: "It is difficult to give any actual figures, but it is remarkable that Worthing's population at the moment is definitely increasing. New residents are now coming. I think most people are expecting an invasion, but no one seems to care."

"We shall see it through and however long it continues Hitler will be no nearer the goal of his ambition here than he was when he gave up the first Battle of Britain six months ago."

Alluding to the Balkans, Mr. Amery said: "The strain thrown upon Germany in the wholly unexpected campaign in the Balkans may well have thrown out of gear the whole of Hitler's plans for a victorious march across Turkey."

"ITS EFFECTS UPON GERMANY'S COMMUNICATIONS AND SOURCES OF SUPPLY MAY INDEED BE FELT FULLY IN THE COURSE OF THE COMING MONTHS."

Iraq Affair

Dealing with Iraq, Mr. Amery said a highly dangerous situation had been developing. We had forced Raschid Ali and his clique to show their hand in a vain hope that German help could reach them in time.

We had lanced a dangerous boil just as it came to a head.

"In the action we have taken we have entertained no designs against Iraq's independence for which we as a country—and, I might add, I myself when formerly in office—have done everything in our power."

"We ask for no more than fulfilment of those obligations of an alliance which Iraq accepted freely as the only effective guarantee of her own security." — Reuter.

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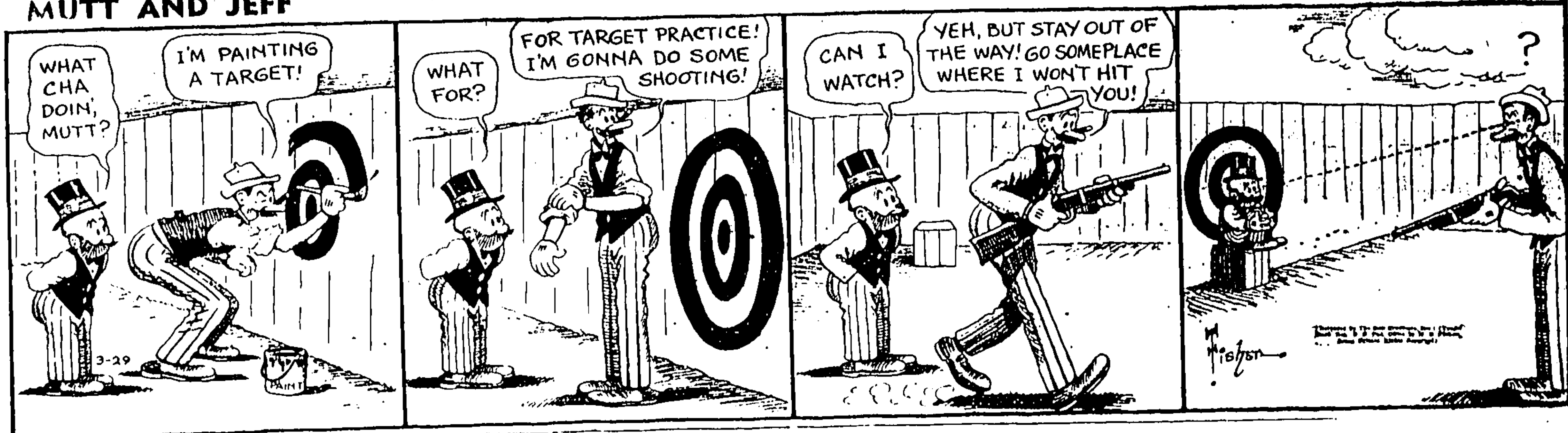
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WOMEN ON AXIS AT RADIO TO WORK IN GERMANY

German women refugees in Britain have appealed for more propaganda broadcasts in German on lines which would appeal to educated women in Germany.

They said they had proof that British broadcasts to their country defeated Nazi propaganda, and they asked specially that more German women speakers should broadcast.

The requests were made at a meeting in London of the International Women's Service Groups in Great Britain, addressed by Miss Elise Sprott, of the BBC, on the development of propaganda broadcasting since the war began.

Refugee speakers asked for German talks which would illustrate the freedom of life for women in Britain, give a weekly survey of Parliamentary events, including the contributions made by women M.P.s; appeal to women in Sudetenland; intersperse a line of propaganda here and there in a musical programme; and tell what was being done on the kitchen front.

One speaker argued that educated German women were against Nazism and that their influence was tremendous.

Two other German women suggested that there should be no reference to the food question in the broadcasts.

AXIS AT WORK IN BANGKOK

Japanese, Italians and Germans, without any obvious legitimate business, but calling themselves "business men," are arriving in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand (Siam), in increasing numbers, according to a traveller arrived recently in Singapore.

The Japanese predominate in the influx, he said, and many of them are opening unlocked shops to justify their presence.

Non-Axis ships, operating in waters in the vicinity of Bangkok, frequently have reported sighting floating mines of undetermined origin, the traveller continued, but the mines were mostly types predating the present war.

Thailand, which is in a similar position to Yugoslavia before the orientation of the latter's foreign policy which resulted in the German invasion, apparently is determined to play ball with Japan and the other members of the Axis, regardless of the consequence to her independence.

An anti-aircraft unit of an Indian regiment went through extensive target practice in Singapore recently with the aid of a radio-controlled plane, which constituted the first intimation to the public that such craft was included in the air force stationed here. To-day's target practice was symptomatic of the concentration in Singapore on defence training for any eventuality.

'FIFTH COLUMN' MISTAKE

Led To Death Of Sergeant

Evidence that a sergeant was mistaken for a Fifth Columnist during Army night exercises and received a bayonet wound was given at a Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, inquest.

The inquest was on Sgt. William Nolan, 33, a native of Dublin, and the verdict was death by misadventure, with negligence, not amounting to criminal negligence, on the part of Pte. Arthur Rath, whose bayonet caused the wound.

The jury added a rider that there was negligence on the part of Col. Sgt. William Power for permitting one of his men to carry a fixed bayonet.

Pte. Thomas James Gately described how he, with Nolan and Pte. Fitzgerald, were held up on a road by a colour-sergeant of another unit.

When Fitzgerald covered the colour-sergeant with his rifle he and Nolan escaped and heard a blank shot fired. He heard someone call: "Stop those men. They are Fifth Columnists."

Lee-Sgt. MacDonald said the three men came towards him. One of them lifted his rifle as though to strike, and he covered Col. Sgt. Power stating that he would shoot the first man who moved.

"The three men were wearing no hats and they acted in a far more menacing manner than is usual in these operations," he said.

"Before the exercise began I had it from one or two officers that it was an ideal night for Fifth Columnists and that we should keep a sharp lookout."

Pte. Arthur Rath said Nolan sprang at them, but fell, exclaiming that he was hurt. Rath said he did not thrust the bayonet at Nolan, who must have impaled himself on it as he sprang forward. He thought it was his duty to have his bayonet fixed. He was a cook and was unaccustomed to ordinary duties.

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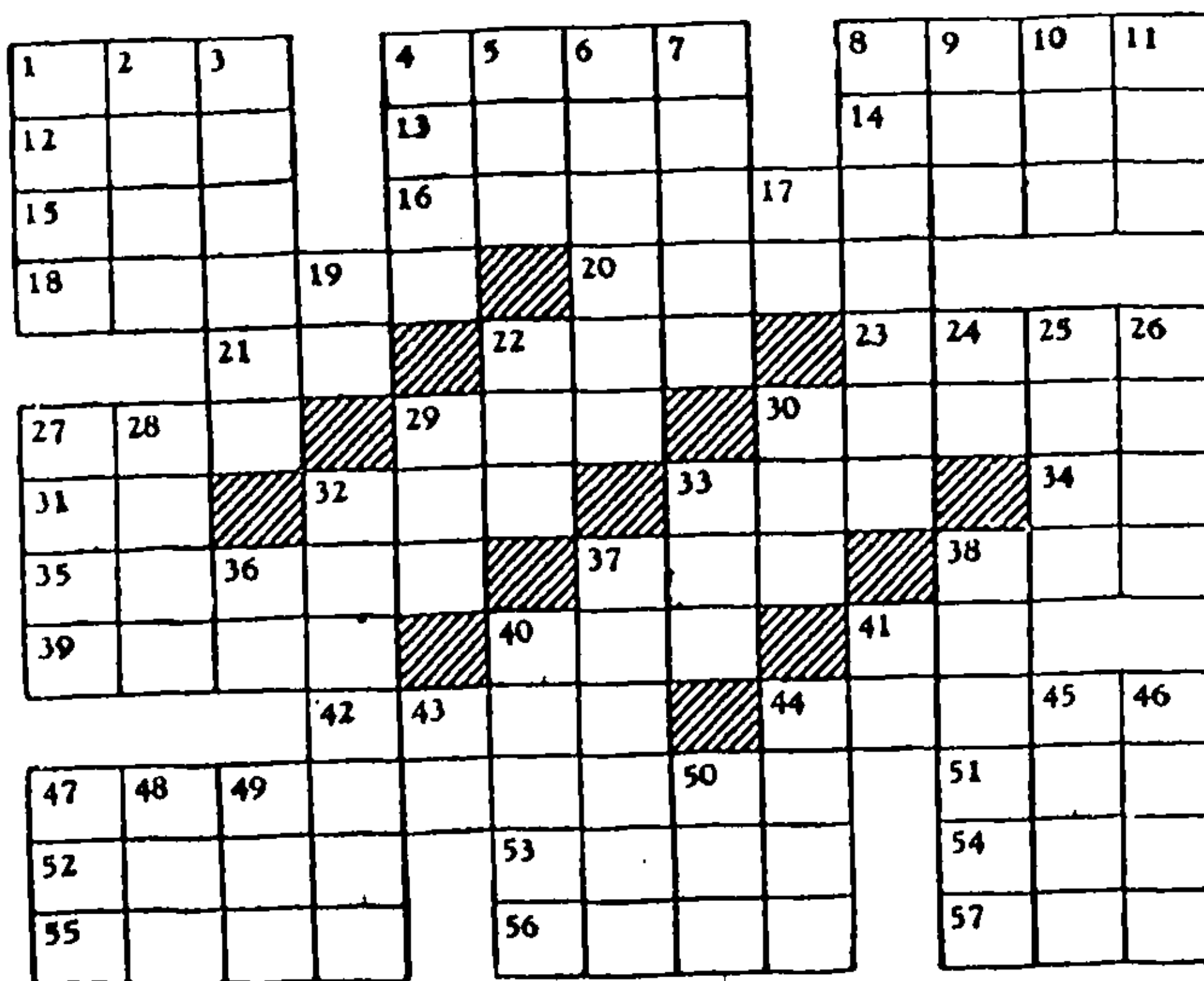
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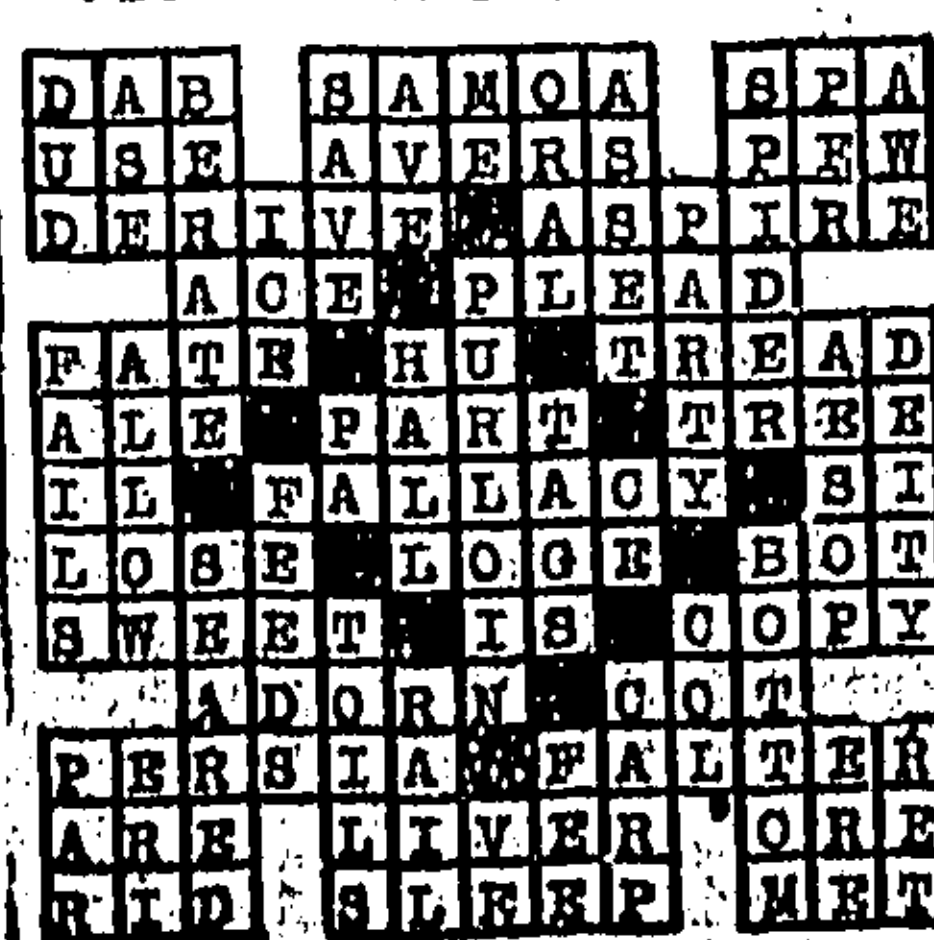
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To leap
- 4 Short for "Elizabeth"
- 8 Greek letter
- 12 Wing
- 13 Aloud
- 14 God of love
- 15 Nothing
- 16 To listen secretly
- 18 Poetic grief
- 20 Footless animal
- 21 Whether
- 22 Insect
- 23 Entry
- 27 To wander
- 29 Humorist
- 30 Underground creature
- 31 King of Bashan
- 32 Acted
- 33 Gear tooth
- 34 Exists
- 35 To commence
- 37 Speck
- 38 Music as written
- 39 Mental image
- 40 Roman pronoun
- 41 Pronoun
- 42 Formal dance
- 44 Pine-knot lamp

VERTICAL

- 1 Style of penmanship
- 2 Medley
- 3 Pale
- 4 Dutch colonist in S. Africa
- 5 Period of time
- 6 Learned man
- 7 Slumbered
- 8 Foundation
- 9 To be mistaken
- 10 Also
- 11 Poisonous snake
- 17 Therefore
- 19 Concerning
- 22 Help
- 24 Toward
- 25 To give off
- 26 Tableland
- 27 Mongolian desert
- 28 Old
- 29 To triumph
- 30 Acquired
- 32 Game of skill
- 33 Lettuce genus
- 36 Earth goddess
- 37 To trick
- 38 To struggle
- 40 To change
- 41 Butterfly
- 43 Land measure
- 44 To care for
- 45 Stomach of an animal
- 46 To abominate
- 47 Eggs
- 48 Swordsman's stake
- 49 To tap
- 50 By birth

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LANDGRABBERS TRY TO MAKE FORTUNES

LAND SPECULATORS, who are buying up bombed sites in London and other places in the hope of making large profits out of them through increased values after the war, may be named in the House of Commons by M.P.s who are to raise the question.

A group of members of different parties are paying close attention to the activities of these speculators — who are naturally working in secrecy, their deals carried out by estate agents.

The M.P.s hope to have legislation introduced to prevent them making money out of the present misfortunes of the country and the big post-war redevelopment schemes that will have to be carried out.

It has been proved that these bombed-site grabbers got to work almost as soon as the blitz started, and more and more people are joining in the scramble.

Some are members of trusts with considerable capital behind them; other are small groups of friends and business colleagues with more limited resources.

Ransom Price

Their object is the same — to make, or rather to take, profits out of land which has now lost its value because the buildings on it have been demolished, but which, through post-war improvements, is bound to soar in value.

City of London sites are among their chief aims, not only because there are so many of them, but because there is greater opportunity of making money out of them.

A man who buys even a small site now may find when peace planning comes that it is the key to the redevelopment of a larger area or a street widening scheme and he can demand a ransom price.

An M.P. told the "Sunday Express":

"I don't know that anything can be done to stop it now, but after the war it should be possible to pass a Bill enacting that where the authorities require a site as part of a rebuilding and improvement plan they can buy it for the price given by the speculators, plus reasonable interest."

Millions Waiting

Many people are investing their money in land since the war has closed or made uncertain so many normal channels of investment.

Millions of pounds are awaiting investment in land, several trusts having seven-figure sums available.

One of them advertised a few days ago that it had a million pounds to invest in country estates and farms.

A representative of Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley, the estate agents, said, "Insurance companies, trusts, colleges, and other investors are all putting into land money which ordinarily would go into gilt-edged and trust securities."

"Their aim is not so much to make a big income out of it, but to maintain its capital value. Gilt-edged may break, but land will always hold its value in the long run. Agricultural properties are generally good for a return of from 3 to 3½ per cent."

"We estimate the general increase in value of land since the war at between 25 and 30 per cent."

WROTE BATTLE SONG

The man who wrote "Waltzing Matilda," the poem set to music which has become the battle-song of the Australian forces, has died in Sydney aged seventy-six. He was A. B. (Banjo) Paterson, Australia's best known poet.

"Waltzing Matilda" was the song the Australian soldiers sang as they marched into Bardia and Benghazi.

STRANGE MALADY

Allergy, a newcomer to the dictionary and to medical science, is really a new name for a malady as old as the hills. In greater or lesser degree, almost everybody is an allergic, the symptoms ranging all the way from a mild dislike for cats, down to a violent convulsion induced by the presence of flaxseed.

For many years doctors were mystified as to the reasons why a variety of apparently harmless things like camel hair, pollen, corn starch, chicken feathers, cosmetics, and cats were capable of producing alarming reactions in certain people.

The asthmatic who was seized with a sudden distressing spasm if a cat walked into the room was a familiar phenomenon. He was also a true allergic.

The strange malady opened up a big field of investigation for medical researchers, and to-day the affliction is the subject of specialisation by many medical men all over the world. A high-ranking specialist in America, Dr. Warner T. Vaughan, has just published the results of his lifetime study of allergy. He reveals some astonishing facts.

Strange was the case of a child seized with a spasm while eating a breakfast cereal. Her lips and tongue began to swell; within a few minutes she was almost suffocating. An injection of adrenalin quickly restored her. Cause of the alarming attack was flaxseed in the cereal.

Doctors Puzzled

Puzzled were the doctors over the case of a woman who broke out in a rash as soon as she went to bed. Investigation proved she was allergic to corn, and corn starch was used in laundering her bedlinen. Sleeping in unstarched sheets, the patient's troubles disappeared.

Conditions induced by things to which people are allergic include sick headaches, hay fever, asthma, diarrhoea, stomach-ache, oedema (swelling), and nettle-rash.

Treatment in some cases is successful by injection of large doses of protein extracts from the offending subjects, but best of all is prevention by avoiding the known things one is allergic to.

Frequently there is a spontaneous disappearance of the symptoms, but so far no specific medical cure has emerged.

BRITISH WOMAN IN DEATH CELL PROMISE

The Australian Red Cross announced that it had been advised that Miss Winifred Harle, Australian woman under sentence of death in occupied France, was being kept in a comfortable cell and that the Germans had promised that the sentence would not be carried out precipitately, says Associated Press.

It was stated last November that the American authorities in Paris had persuaded the Germans to reconsider the case of Miss Harle, who was sentenced on charges of disseminating Bri-

OH! WHAT A RHYME FOR THE DUCE

This parody of the nursery rhyme "Hush-a-bye, Baby" was broadcast for Mussolini's benefit by Athens Radio recently:

"Hush-a-bye, Duce,
on the tree top,
When the wind
blows the Empire will
rock,

When the bough
bends the Empire will
fall,

Down will come
Duce, Empire, and
all."

ENEMY PRAISES BRITISH BRAVERY

Here is the story of one of our young countrywomen in German-occupied territory who gained the admiration of a German officer.

The girl, 19, had lived most of her life in Belgium, and was a telephone operator in a Belgium town during the invasion.

Her story was told to a naval officer by a German officer shot down over the North Sea.

During the invasion of Belgium this officer was held up for some time by the defence put up at a telephone exchange building. A good deal of shooting took place, and a light gun was brought into action.

Eventually the Nazis succeeded in taking the building, and on entering it the officer was met by a young girl, evidently not in the least disturbed by the fighting and shelling. He asked why she had not fled.

Her reply was that she preferred to stay, as her aunts, with whom she lived, would be waiting for her at home—and, in any case, she could not leave her post.

The German officer's remark when telling of the incident was: "Can you beat it? If that's the spirit of England, we are not going to have such an easy job."

UNUSUAL FARE

NAPOLEON'S AXIOM THAT AN ARMY TRAVELS ON ITS STOMACH WAS ILLUSTRATED IN A NEW WAY BY A SOLDIER EN ROUTE FROM LONDON TO MANCHESTER TELLING A TICKET COLLECTOR ON THE TRAIN THAT HE HAD MISTAKENLY SWALLOWED THE RETURN HALF OF HIS TICKET.

Refusing at first to swallow the story, the ticket collector was finally convinced by the soldier's offer either to be X-rayed on arrival at Manchester or there and then to drink a stiff glass of salt and water and make himself sick. Neither the X-ray nor the suggested "return of the swallow" was however, accepted, and the soldier was then allowed to digest his unusual fare without being asked for more fare.

lish speeches and news in occupied France.

Miss Florence Erickard was reported to have been sentenced to death on similar charges.

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NAZI THEORY

Hermann Rauschning, earlier example of a Hitler enthusiast who found he could not go on, has expressed a theory that Hitler does not really want to destroy the British Empire. For this he gives two reasons. Hitler is not ready to take over the world inheritance of Great Britain. Too sudden collapse might actually bring the greater immediate profit to certain rivals of the Nazi Reich, who have their homelands outside Europe.

In the second place, Hitler does not want to embark on the destruction of the British Empire because that obviously cannot be accomplished without some very heavy fighting; and in the course of such a struggle it may very well be that decadent and degenerate Britain may find her soul and her strength again. Better let the British Empire succumb to the inevitable process of decay which now has it in its grip than risk a Britain rejuvenated through war. Such is the Rauschning theory.

But if this was the original strategy with respect to Great Britain, it must surely be evident that now it is too late. The harm has been done. To any one reading the bulletins these last eight months from the skies over London, from the River Plate, from Coventry, from Glasgow, from Plymouth, from Libya, from East Africa, from Greece, from Taranto, from Liverpool, from Bristol, it must be plain that any process of decay has been pretty well arrested.

If it was Hitler's original idea to kill the British Empire with kindness, the opportunity disappeared after Dunkirk. Nazi philosophers gave the British Empire just one more generation before it succumbed to fatty decay of the heart. But another generation of British decline at the rate since Dunkirk might easily find the British invalid playing a good game of tennis on the Rhine.

Hitler's gloom over the rebirth of Great Britain in the fires of war may be accentuated by the thought that it actually leaves the British Commonwealth stronger than ever. That does not usually happen in the re-

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HITLER I WARN YOU, THIS MUST NOT AGAIN OCCUR, HERR HIMMLER.
HIMMLER MY PERSONAL OBSERVATION ASSURES ME THAT ALREADY, MY DEAR FUHRER, ALL PRECAUTIONS TAKEN HAVE BEEN

Morale In London

By the Right Hon. J. C. Wedgwood, M.P.

Last war, when Jerry dropped a few bombs on the East End, men bolted blindly, women hid their faces, and children ran screaming. All cursed Government for not protecting them and the rich for escaping, and smashed the shops of German Jews. They felt that was expected of them, of all civilians. Danger and courage were then the exclusive perquisite of the armed forces.

This war, when the sky cracks and death hurtles down, all may be just as afraid, but they don't show it and try to joke about it. It is "bad form" to show fear. Public opinion is much stronger than any law.

If that miserable siren starts moaning when you are out shopping in the morning, everybody in the open is gripped in some degree by fear, although they

juvenation formulas known to science or legend. Usually the operation arrests decay for a term of years. If it leaves the patient only half as young or strong as he used to be, he is very well pleased.

In the present case it is obvious that Hitler's calculations started out with the British Empire, and he ends up facing the British Empire plus the United States. Hitler's advisers were afraid that a full-sized war would tone up the system of a competitor embracing, say, 80,000,000 English-speaking folk. Hitler's war has brought about a solid union of 200,000,000 English-speaking folk on both sides of the Atlantic. There is probably nothing like such a result in the annals of rejuvenation.

know there may be no Jerry within fifty miles and the odds against their being hit are demonstrably millions to one. Many may be inwardly terror-stricken; but see how hard they try not to look nervously up into the sky. Drivers may "step on the gas" a bit, because it doesn't show. The girls in uniform consciously walk on chatting, and other girls "don't like to do different." All do what is expected of them, show nothing; follow, or set, the approved example. That is as well, for fear is horribly infectious.

Why this change from twenty-five years ago?

This: This is a very united people. They know there is no way out. With all Europe behind him, Herr Hitler's "peace" could only give him time to hit again irresistibly by sea as well as air. To be fighting alone, deserted, in the last ditch, exalts one morally.

We are united also in intense appreciation and admiration, if not love, for the most remarkable Prime Minister, who will promise nothing save "toll and tears, blood and sweat," who invents only immortal phrases which shape our new lives.

"Grim and gay," says he, and the ruins around us take on a new aspect.

"We will fight on the landing grounds; we will fight in the streets," and straightway a million and a half men spring up, unpaid, to defend their homes.

"Never in the history of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few," and the thought of our boys in the air makes courage easy and fear shameful.

"It just goes rolling along," says he, and we see a dawn of hope, of irresistible reunion, with "the New World," stepping forth to the rescue and liberation of the Old.

Hitler has united us, Churchill has inspired us. But close behind comes a Press and Parliament

which have played their part as never before—free, determined, eloquent, but critical of every abuse of power. They have shown that there is something to fight for, as well as against.

There is yet something else, largely unnoticed, which has steeled our nerves. I come back to the truism with which I started. People will behave as they are expected to. Praise a man for fine qualities and he will seek to deserve that praise.

The British and British courage have been praised as never before in my lifetime, probably as never before in history; not by ourselves, which would be easy and valueless, but by those afar who have had much to criticise in our past. I think of the Dutch welcoming our death-dealing planes over Amsterdam and praying for the safety of our plots of liberation.

Above all I think of America. Few can have read without deep emotion the press extracts and letters from America about our land and our Londoners. Few here have ever heard of Dallas. Yet far away there in Texas, a leading newspaper has this poem, quoted for us by the "Daily Express":

Do ye ken John Bull, with his cloths so red?

Do ye ken John Bull, with his up-flung head?

Do ye ken John Bull, with no sign of dread,

As he faces his fight in the morning?

And so on for many stanzas.

If that adaptation had come from Calgary or Wagga-Wagga, or even from Aldershot, it would have been "jolly fine," and left a pleasing taste for the day. If it had come from Amsterdam or Athens, it would have been pathetic and inspiring. But from Dallas, in the Lone Star State, one gets a lump in the throat. It is good to have friends and relations who can appreciate it and us. We will see to it that they never have cause to change their vision.

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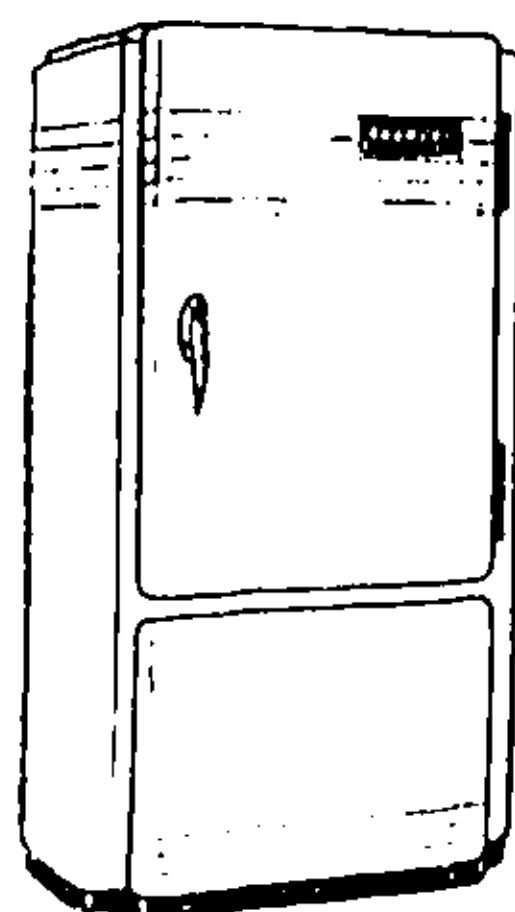
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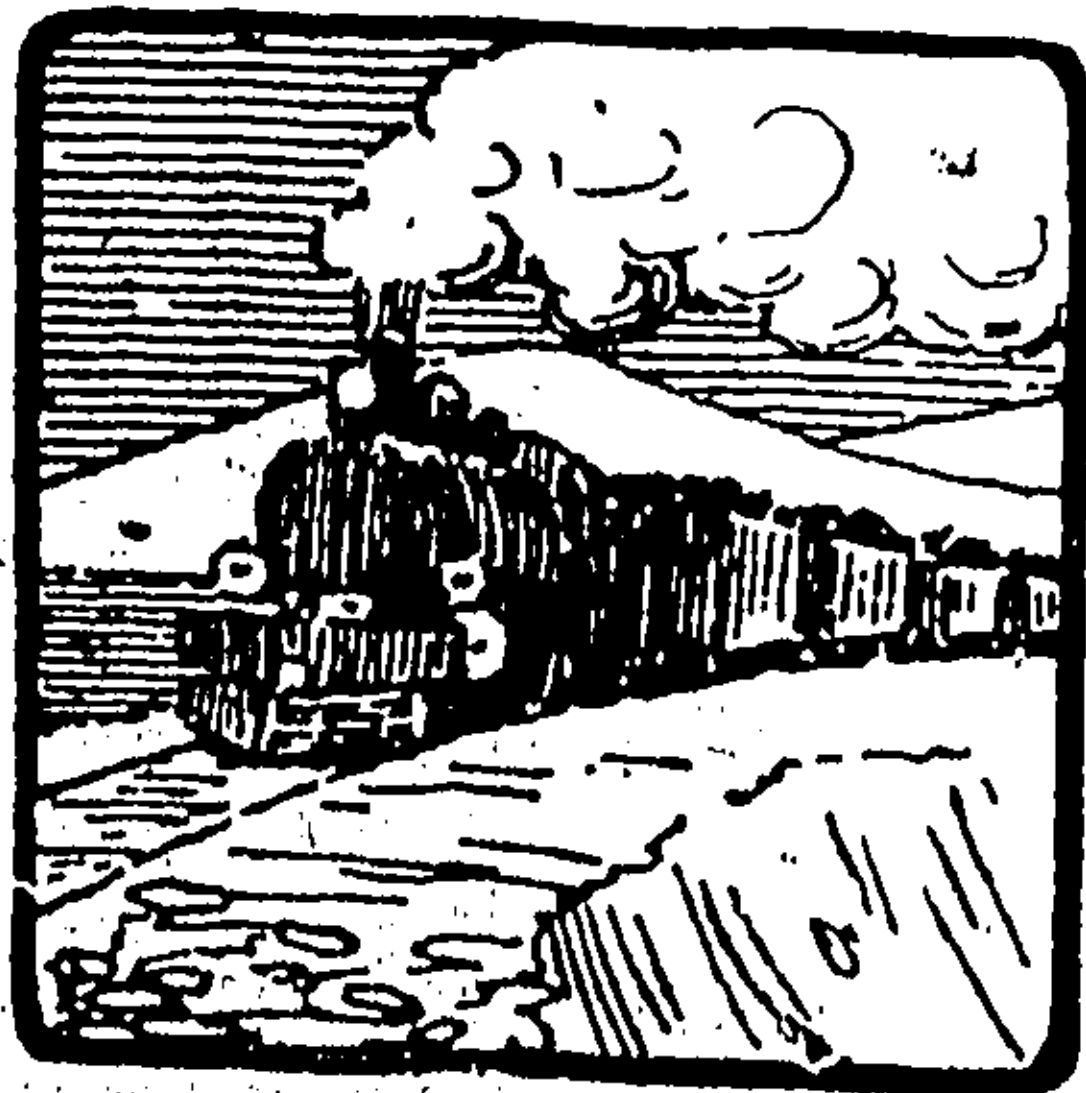
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LOOTING IS AN "ATROCIOUS CRIME"

"I AND MY BROTHER JUDGES are determined to stamp out this atrocious crime," declared Mr. Justice Oliver at Leeds when the trials of several men and women accused of looting were continued.

The Judge was told of a family alleged to have lived on the proceeds of systematic looting, while Frederick Fountain, a thirty-two-year-old window cleaner, pleaded guilty to four looting charges and asked for seven others to be taken into consideration. With him in the dock were Florence Bennett, forty, and her eighteen-year-old son, Cyril Bennett.

The prosecution alleged that Fountain tempted Cyril Bennett and his younger brother, aged thirteen, to go looting with him.

Mr. Justice Oliver sentenced Fountain to ten years' penal servitude and Mrs. Bennett to eight months' imprisonment. The boy was remanded for a medical report as to whether he was fit for Borstal treatment.

Defied Death Warning

Sentencing George Yates, a twenty-four-year-old soldier, to seven years' penal servitude, the Judge said: "You took to looting as an occupation and went into these poor little ruined homes of people who could ill-afford to lose their property."

"It was a cowardly and dastardly thing to do," said Judge Oliver when sentencing to five years' penal servitude two bomb disposal squad men, Alfred Lesav Orlopp, twenty-two, and George Montieth, twenty-four, who pleaded guilty to looting jewellery, cigars, coffee and cocoa.

Sergeant Frederick Goulding told the Judge that when he and his company of R.E.'s were brought to Sheffield to help in clearing up blitz damage, he paraded them in a school yard and told them that the penalty for looting was either penal servitude or death.

Peter Roland Thomas, twenty-nine, was sentenced to four years' penal servitude for looting and house-breaking.

William Hague, thirty-one, a coal bagger, was found guilty of looting clothing and £4 10s. in cash from two partially wrecked houses. He was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Babies Stay In Gaol

Two mothers, nineteen-year-old Florence Hriviv, and twenty-one-year-old Eileen Hall, were remanded in custody by Mr. Justice Oliver after each had pleaded guilty, with a soldier, Gerald Newton Garbutt, twenty-two, to looting from a Sheffield municipal building.

"What can we do with the babies?" asked the chief warder when the Judge had made the order. "That is a problem I must leave you to solve," replied Mr. Justice Oliver.

When the warder told him that the difficulty was of admitting the babies into the prison, the Judge said: "I will make an order if it is necessary to have one."

SWANSEA'S BOMB DAMAGE

It may now be stated that among the noted buildings destroyed in the three raids on Swansea were St. Mary's Church and the Grammar School, founded by Bishop Gore three centuries ago.

Many shops as well as the famous market, probably the largest in the country, were also destroyed. The General Hospital was damaged.

When a church was hit, there were many people sheltering in the vaults. They were all got away safely just when it looked as if their rescue was hopeless.

There were 100 people in another shelter when the building above was bombed. Fires were raging all around. Seeing their peril, an A.R.P. man dashed to a bus station, annexed a bus and drove it to the shelter. Then he persuaded the people to scramble into it and drove them safely outside the town.

"RED BIDDY" PERIL IN WEST END HAUNTS

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Red Biddy is being served in a number of the newer West End night haunts under the guise of Lisbon Wine, brandy and other more attractive names, as many young officers have found out to their cost.

The chief constituent of "Red Biddy" is methylated spirit, to which colouring matter is added. Poured from a fancy-shaped bottle with a foreign label, it retails at 45s. a bottle.

Thanks to the blitz-free nights, London's night life has returned recently to something like pre-war prosperity.

Although several of the more notorious clubs have been closed down, many others have sprung up in the side streets off Piccadilly Circus.

"Fun After Hours"

The most shabby doorway in a side alley frequently leads to a scene of gaiety.

Dancing starts at an early hour, and attractive girls are waiting to partner the newcomer.

After indulging themselves at public-houses, young Servicemen in search of "fun after hours" often allow themselves to be palmed off with Red Biddy.

It is usually represented as the last of a consignment of pre-war wine which "cannot be obtained again."

The effects of Red Biddy upset the average person for a week. A small quantity will produce sleepiness and headaches.

Complaints have been made to the Customs and Excise authorities and prosecutions are likely to result.

GUARDS MEET THEIR MATCH

On the South and South-Western "fronts" of London was waged the "Battle of the Guards." It was Home Guards versus regular Guards.

Home Guards defended. The Guards attacked. Town halls, railway stations, bridges, and viaducts were the particular objectives.

The general objective was for the attackers—landed from parachutes in disguise—to penetrate the outskirts of London in this area, which comprised 15 boroughs.

NOT ONE DEFENCE AREA WAS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED.

Five umpires—all experienced Army officers—agreed that the Home Guards' machine-gun posts were "disposed with all the skill of trained regulars."

Their effectiveness against every form of invader was marvellously good. Their staff work and cooperation by field phones, wireless, and signalling from private houses was "worthy of Aldershot."

THE STRAIGHT PATH WAS HIS UNDOING

"I am not drunk!" protested a motorist to Police-Surgeon Daniel in Denver, Colorado, cables John Walters from New York.

"Then walk along this line," ordered Daniel. The motorist walked beautifully, and kept on walking right through a window.

Still protesting sobriety, the motorist was charged with intoxication.

SHE HAD THE LAST LAUGH

"Tug-boat Minnie," beautiful blonde Miss Wilma Baard, daughter of a bargee, became the wife in New York of the wealthy Spaniard, Count Nava de Tajo, cousin to the Duke of Alba.

Debutantes blushed when they heard the news of the wedding, for in 1938 Wilma, branding them as "dopes," was jokingly introduced into New York society—and outshined them.

This society Cinderella spent her childhood on her father's farm. After school her striking beauty won her a job as a fashion model.

Wilma's father, found toiling on a barge at Hoboken, New Jersey, said:—

"My Wilma is a fine girl. She'll make a mighty good housekeeper and cook."

Many Proposals

When a genuine society debutante, Brenda Frazier, had an elaborate coming-out party, some society men, amused by the bull-hoo, planned a big skit on it.

They explained to Tug-boat Minnie that they wanted to do a "take-off" of Brenda's debut and begged her to play debutante.

The result was a glittering party where Tug-boat Minnie was introduced to scores of New York socialites.

After the party, instead of fading from society, Wilma became part of it. She was deluged with marriage proposals. Brenda Frazier is still unwed.

WANTS FASCISTS REMOVED

Mr. J. C. Wedgwood (Soc., Newcastle-under-Lyne) wants persons who were British Fascists removed from important posts in the Services.

He is to ask the Home Secretary whether, in view of the danger of having in key positions those who were members of the British Union of Fascists at the outbreak of war, he will send their names to the heads of the various departments so that the risk to the State in case of invasion may be removed.

BOYS PLAYED FOOTBALL WITH A "LIVE" BOMB

THREE SMALL London boys came across an unexploded German bomb and trundled it around the streets in a push chair for their pals to see.

The boys, Stanley Green, aged ten, Norman Clark, aged nine, and John Green, aged seven, of Montague Crescent, Edmonton, were searching for wood on a bombed site, when they discovered the bomb in the wreckage of a chicken run.

Dragged into the street and on to the push chair by the boys, the bomb began its travels through streets crowded with shoppers.

For a quarter of a mile the boys pushed it, bumping it up and down the kerbs to their homes, calling their friends together as they went along to show off their find.

On reaching home, they tipped it carelessly on to a heap of ash in the back garden, then took it into the street again.

One of the boys wanted to play football with it, but no matter how hard they kicked it wouldn't bounce properly.

Afterwards they went from house to house showing it to neighbours who told them to "go away and play" so they did.

Area Cleared

They were banging the bomb enthusiastically on the pavement when a Mr. Burgess, his suspicions suddenly aroused, came on the scene and carried it off to his back garden.

He called wardens and police, and the area was evacuated until an Army disposal squad rushed along and removed the "play-thing."

Although the boys were "told off" for playing with the bomb, they all agree "There ain't nothing to those German things."

PRISONERS' PENGUINS STOPPED

GERMAN CENSORS HAVE PUT A COMPLETE BAN ON PENGUIN BOOKS FOR BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR.

The reasons are not altogether clear, though they seem to have to do with the anti-Hitler tone of some of the books. Such books would not, of course, be permitted to go to the prisoners in any case, but advertisements of them appear in others of the series which are innocent of political meaning.

Seeing these advertisements, the Germans have apparently decided that it would be safer to stop the whole series. Thousands of the books are held up in Switzerland.

Mr. H. W. Ellis, sales manager to the publishers, said: "We learned of the ban from the British Red Cross Society. We have a permit to send books to prisoners. The books are made up into special parcels, which go first to the British censors. It is a pity this has happened, because many of the books go to our men, but there is nothing we can do about it."

"I understand that prisoners have written to relatives saying that copies of these books have been destroyed by the Germans."

TRIED TO FIND PARENTS

A plea that he had been trying to find his parents who were in the Channel Isles when the German invasion took place was made for Sapper P. C. Hammond, twenty-nine, who at a Chatham court-martial was charged with desertion.

It was stated that Hammond was given leave to go to the Channel Isles. The Army saw nothing more of him until he was arrested in January working near Southampton.

The decision of the Court will be announced.

NAZIS' ARMY OF SLAVES

A slave army of well over 1,000,000 foreign workers is now labouring in Germany to keep the industrial machine running.

An official German report states that the total of industrial workers alone is 670,000. The number of agricultural labourers, chiefly deported from Poland, is not disclosed, but it must be at least as great.

If prisoners-of-war working on farms and non-military production are added, the total of foreign labour probably exceeds 2,000,000.

Poland is the biggest recruiting field, though the total from that country is not stated. The method of recruiting in Poland is simply transportation at a few hours' notice.

In Denmark and Norway the fiction of free engagement is maintained. The unemployed are told jobs are waiting in Germany, and that if they do not accept them the dole will be stopped.

He Held Up Weak Shelter

"If I mention only one of the civil defence services to-night, namely the police, it is because many tributes have been paid already to the others. They have been in it everywhere all the time." - Mr. Churchill in his broadcast.

TWENTY POLICE OFFICERS are among those honoured in the latest list of civil defence awards published in the "London Gazette." Seven receive the George Medal and thirteen the Medal of the Order of the British Empire. There are thirty-six George Medallists in the list, two of them women.

Among the seven police George Medallists are:-

Police-Constable William Henry Allen, "G" Division, Metropolitan Police.—Such devastation was caused by a bomb that the rescue squad thought any people trapped must be dead. Police-Constable Allen was certain that he had heard a faint response to his shouts, and he started to clear away the debris above the basement of a shop.

He crawled into a hole and found, beneath the wreckage, two elderly men and two young girls pinned by debris. He saved them.

Saved Eight People

Sergeant Frederick Maurice Burgess, "J" Division, Metropolitan Police.—Reached and saved eight people trapped in a basement shelter and threatened by water rushing from a broken main.

Part of the shelter threatened to collapse at any moment, and the sergeant had to support it with his shoulders. When he was pulled to safety, the basement fell in.

War Reserve Police-Constable Alfred John Volzey, "F" Division, Metropolitan Police.—Smallest of three War Reserve policemen, he entered the only opening in the debris of two demolished houses which buried many people who

REVENGE

When young James Newman left the orphanage at Terre Haute, Indiana, U.S., twelve years ago he vowed that one day he would be revenged on those who had made him unhappy there.

Now, masked, he has held up the orphanage staff and asked for his old principal. Told the man had long retired, the bandit took the staff's money.

When captured he said: "I meant to kill that principal."

THE MAN ALONE

For nearly seventy years John Clarke had been alone. He carried himself proudly, though he had no relatives, no friends.

He had no ambition to live when he fell ill, but doctors and nurses fought to save his life when he was taken to a Swansea hospital.

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John has just died cheerful to the last. Six companions who ate patients were with him. One told the "Daily Mirror."

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William John Higgot, Leicester A.R.P. warden.—He entered a mass of ruins immediately after a bomb had exploded and came out with two children, one under each arm. He returned, put out a fire, then put out two more fires in other buildings.

Frederick James Skelton, company officer, London A.F.S.—He was badly burned trying to rescue two trapped firemen when a fire station was hit and set on fire.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

THURSDAY, the 15th May, 1941

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50 Bundles Paper
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1 Case Dried Cells.
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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 19th day of May, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at North Point, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	6155	Teak Tree Mui Road, South of Inland Lot No. 5596 and 5997, North Point	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
			As per sale plan				About 6,000	\$110	\$9,000

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$900.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	443	Rural Building Lot No. 443, Repulse Bay Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
			As per sale plan				About 20,000	\$230	\$4,000

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$400.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.



The man who thinks he knows all the answers never is an incentive to lively conversation.

GLAMOUR GIRL IS DOOMED

War will finish the glamour girl, says Captain F. R. K. Whitaker, an Army chaplain. It will make her out of date.

He told a congregation of troops at a northern camp: "For years womanhood has been symbolised, falsely, in my opinion, by 100 per cent. sex appeal and glamour. "This war will inevitably purge the publicity value of sex appeal and ballyhoo with which for so long we have identified our womenfolk."

"This is a war in which women are taking a vital and active part, and they will not sacrifice their ideals—and their ideals are as much at stake as ours—by retreating to a way of life which is out of date, pre-war and entirely fictitious."

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	120	Garden Lot No. 120, Pokfulam Road, between Building Lots Nos. 422 & 440.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
			As per sale plan				About 3,420	\$8	\$171

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$17.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

BRIDGE NOTES

GETTING WHAT YOU CAN

By The Four Aces

When excellent bidding by the opponents has robbed you of a sum, there is still the consolation of rolling up as large a penalty as possible:

West, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ K Q 6 2	♥ 5 3	♦ A Q J 7 6	♣ 6 5
♠ A 5	♥ A J 6 2	♦ 8	♣ A K Q 8
♠ 7 2	♥ 4	♦ K 10 9 8 7 3	♣ J
♠ J	♥ K 10 9 5 4	♦ 7	♣ K

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	1♦	1♥	1♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

ACE... 3	KING... 2
QUEEN... 1	JACK... 1
TOTAL VALUE OF PAIR IN BRIDGE HAND 67	

East won with the Queen of hearts and had no trouble in understanding the meaning of his partner's plays. The diamond shift and the under lead of the heart Ace made it clear that West had started with a singleton diamond. So East returned his diamond for West to ruff, and the defence thus netted 500 points. Not as much as the slam, of course, but the best they could get against such determined opposition.

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Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 7 3	♥ A K 4	♦ K 9 5 2	♣ A K 6
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The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maier	Schenken
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid one diamond. The hand is too strong for one no-trump, not strong enough for two no-trump, and requires no "fancy" opening bid.

Score 100% for one diamond, 80% for one club, 40% for two no-trump, 20% for one no-trump.

Question No. 716

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	You	Maier	Schenken
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SHOT DOWN 4 NAZIS — D.F.C.

For gallantry in flying operations against the enemy Acting Flight-Lieutenant Richard Macklow Frousdale, aged twenty, of No. 255 Squadron, has been awarded the D.F.C. He has destroyed at least four enemy aircraft, including one at night, and has been continuously employed as a fighter pilot since the early months of the war.

USED 'DOCKERS' LANGUAGE

Cruelty Decree Against Major

An officer against whom a decree of divorce was granted in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, on the ground of cruelty, was stated to have used "dockers' language" to his wife and to have tried to throw her out of a window.

The husband, Major Duncan Grant MacGillivray, defended the suit brought by his wife, Mrs. Muriel Spencer MacGillivray, of The White House, Cardross, Dunbartonshire.

Lord Patrick, giving judgment in favour of Mrs. MacGillivray, with custody of the only child, said of the husband: "His lack of respect and consideration for her, and his temper, afford no reasonable certainty that if she lived with him, she would be safe from his violence."

Mrs. MacGillivray separated from her husband in June, 1938. Major MacGillivray, Lord Patrick said, was then inebriated, and she paid him alimony of £300 a year until some time in 1939, when he obtained employment under the Ministry of Supply.

"Both are persons of cultured up-bringing and substantial station in life, from whom some refinement is to be expected," continued Lord Patrick. "His admitted use of coarse language to her, which he said he had become accustomed to use in his business about the docks in Glasgow, might have been used by a docker, but was inexcusable when used by him to her."

The explanation of one particular epithet he applied to his wife was that it seemed to infuriate her more than anything else.

"In December, 1935," continued Lord Patrick, "he was convicted of being drunk in charge of a car and of culpable homicide. He was released from prison about May, 1936, and blamed his wife for his conviction because she had not been there, as was her practice, to drive him home on the occasion which led to his conviction."

"When she resented the imputation of blame she alleged that he tried to pick her up and throw her out of a window."

BROTHERS' TWIN WILLS

Legacies of many thousands of pounds willed by Sir Arthur Levy, who died in November, 1938, are confirmed by the will of his brother, Mr. Alexander Michael Levy, just made known.

The brothers were diamond brokers. Sir Arthur left £568,000, giving Mr. Levy power of appointment over many bequests. Now Mr. Levy has left £820,000 and a will drawn up in almost the same language as Sir Arthur's.

The brothers made their wills at the same time. They agreed on their legacies and gave each other power of appointment over them. Neither acted in business without consulting the other. Both died at 83.

As Sir Arthur did, subject to his brother's confirmation, Mr. Levy left 10-20ths of the residue of his estate, after other bequests, to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London to found and maintain an Arthur and Alexander Levy surgical home, and the remainder to the fund for general purposes. Nineteen London hospitals benefit under his will.

Death duty on Sir Arthur's estate amounted to £136,648, on Mr. Levy's to £331,911. The big difference is accounted for by the fact that the rate of duty is on a sliding scale, rising in proportion to the amount left.

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

LET'S DRESS IT with a FINE SAUCE... for a sauce adds interest to a simple dish

Says Dorothy Grieg



Gale Page, beautiful star of the screen, whips together this quick, and most delicious Asparagus Sauce to serve over Waffles.

Grannie was a great hand at making sauces. Hers always came out smooth as cream and of lovely flavour. "Making a sauce is a real test of a cook," she would often say.

Well, maybe that was the case years ago. But nowadays we all can make superlatively good sauces by following the simple new way and using condensed soups as the base. These, as they

come from the can, are already skillfully seasoned by French chefs. They are thick, too, a perfect base for sauces.

For instance, here is a zesty sauce made this new way. Gale Page, famous Hollywood star, serves it over waffles for Sunday supper get-togethers:

Asparagus-Cheese-Bacon Sauce on Waffles

- 1 can condensed asparagus soup
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk
 - 1 ounce cheese (sharp)
 - 2 pieces grilled bacon (crisp)
- Combine the asparagus soup with milk. Heat and then add cheese, stirring continuously until the cheese has melted. Add the bacon chopped fine. Serve over waffles.

Here's another idea for dressing up a simple everyday food. The sauce is for beef loaf.

Mock Turtle Sauce

- 1 can of condensed mock turtle soup
 - 6 tablespoons water
- Heat and serve.

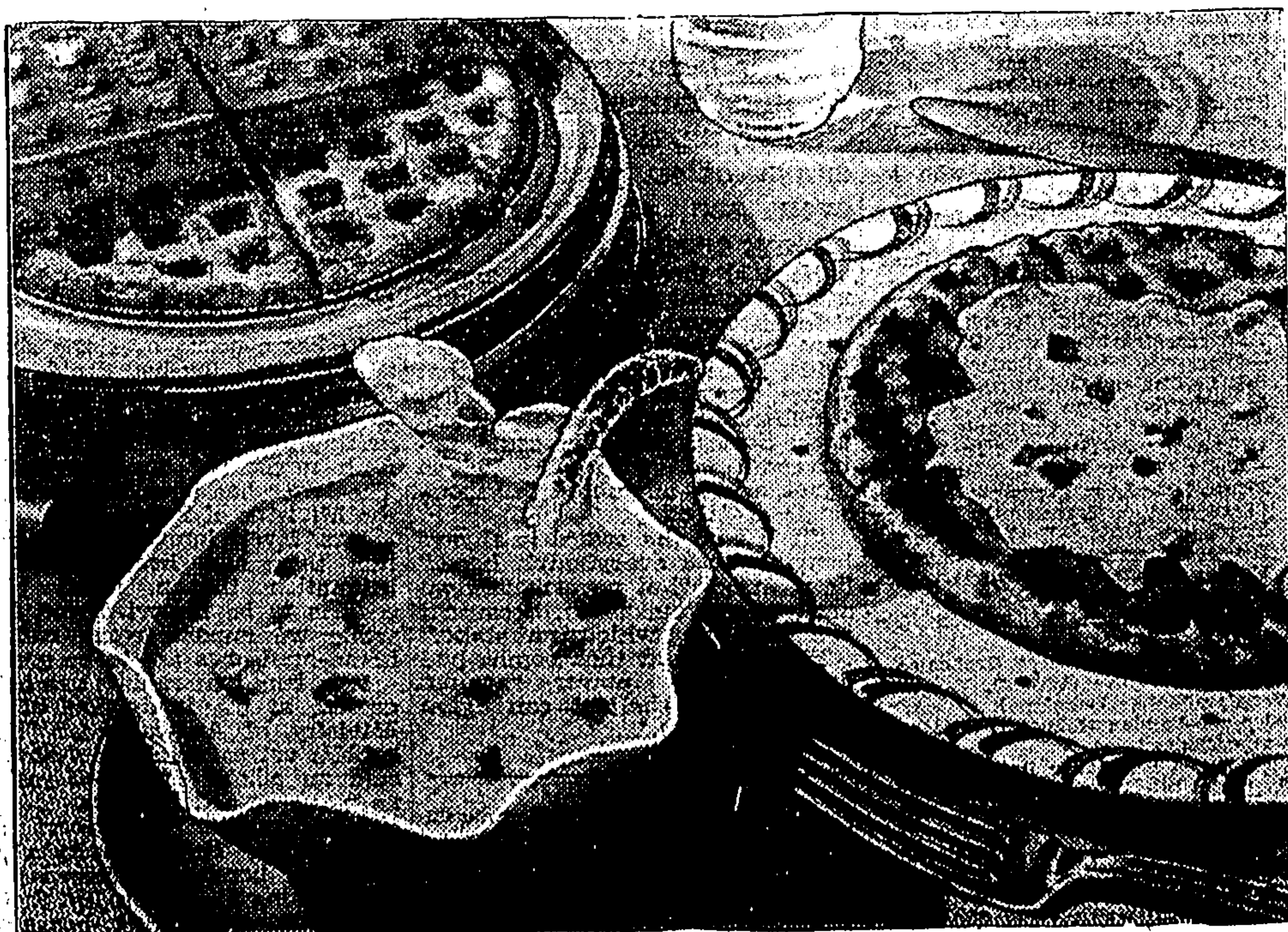
You couldn't ask for anything easier than that sauce to make, and it does wonders for meat loaf.

For fish, this Creole Sauce is one of my favourites:

Creole Sauce

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons onion (chopped fine)
- 2 tablespoons green pepper (chopped fine)
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water

Cook the finely chopped green pepper and onion in the butter until soft. Then add the tomato soup and water, heat and simmer 3-4 minutes to blend the flavours. Makes approximately $1\frac{3}{4}$ cups of sauce.



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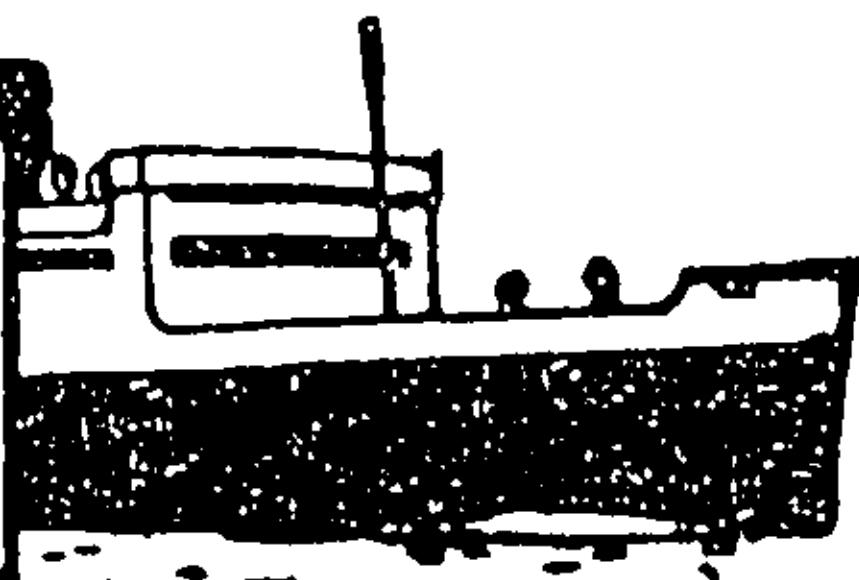
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Impersonations Film Fans' Fare Michael Moore (with Effects)

Theremin Dancing with Tears in my Eyes Waltz (Dubin & Burke)

Lemington Shewell with piano accomp. Vocal Over the Rainbow (film "The Wizard of Oz")

Scatter Brain (Burke & others) Phyllis Robins with Orchestra

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Edith Lorand and her Viennese Orchestra.

Old Vienna Melodies (Pollack); The Countess Maritza Potpourri (Kulman)

Waves of the Danube Waltz (Evanovitch); The Last Waltz (Oscar Strauss)

2.15 p.m.—Close down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations

6.32 p.m.—Victor Silvester and his Ballroom Orchestra.

Quickstep I'll Write a Love Song (from "It's in the Bag")

Slow Fox-Trot House Beautiful, Swing Step

Don't Count Your Chickens, Tango Love Bells

Tango Fragrant Flowers, Quickstep Mine Alone (from "Paprika")

Slow Fox-Trot Magyar Melody (from "Paprika")

Quickstep Where is our Blue Bird of Melody Lane; Waltz Sweethearts (film "Sweethearts")

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—The Netherlands and the War

by His Excellency Dr. Gerbrandy, President of the Netherlands Council of Ministers in London.

7.30 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

You Can't Pull the Wool over my Eyes (Age & others); When the Swallows Nest Again (Stevens)

Edmund; Boo-Hoo (Heyman & others); Delyse (Gilbert Nicholls) with Vocal Refrain

7.43 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

"Nine Sharp" (Excerpts from the Revue) The Little Theatre Company.

"The Fleet's Lit Up" Selection Gerardo and his London Orchestra

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements

8.02 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger-Rag-muffins.

Hot Lips (Busse & others); I'm a Ding Dong Daddy (Baxter); Ragging the A.C.E. (Stamforth); Sarawaki (Gordon).

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—New Variety.

Vocal Only Forever (from "Rhythm on the River")

Denny Dennis with Novachord accomp. Vocal—Never Took a Lesson in My Life (Lawrence—Foore)

I'll Never Smile Again, Until I Smile at You (Love); Elsie Carlisle with instrum. accomp.

Accordeon Band—The Swiss Bellringer (Freud—Samuels)

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Why Don't Women Like Me? (Coltrel—Bennett); George Formby with his Ukulele and Orchestral accomp.

Accordeon Band—I'll Never Make the Same Mistake Again (Lester—Smith)

Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with vocal chorus. Vocal—I'm Nobody's Baby (Davis & others); Maybe (Flynn—Madden)

Anne Shelton with instrumental accomp.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer, Tino Rossi and the Orchestra Mascotte.

Exultation—Waltz (Laufenschlager); Waltz of the Dolls (Joseph Bayer)

Orchestra Mascotte. Pescadore—(Farewell Love); (Rodor & Scott); Le Chaland Qui Passe (d'Andre & others)

Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra. Castanets—Waltz (Richart); It Happened in Vienna—Waltz (Ferry Muhr)

Orchestra Mascotte. Les Prenommes Effaces (Tranchant & Tranchant); Estime Marocaine (Eddy—Bos)

Lucienne Boyer (Soprano) with Orchestra. Espana—Waltz (Waldteufel)

Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—The State Opera Orchestra.

"Jubel"—Overture (Weber); Wedding Waltz (Dohnanyi)

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things"

10.15 p.m.—A Beethoven Programme.

Overture "Coriolan" Op. 62; The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult

In Questa Tomba Oscura; Theodore Chailapine (Bass) with Orchestra. Sonata in C Major, Op. 102, No. 1—1st Mov.

Andante—Allegro vivace; 2nd Mov. Andante—Tempo d'Andante; 3rd Mov. Allegro Vivace; Pau Casals

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

French Faith In Britain

Frenchmen everywhere in unoccupied France, and in occupied territory too, are to-day convinced almost unanimously that the hour of Germany's inevitable defeat is growing steadily nearer, despite all the efforts of German-controlled wireless and Press to make them believe the opposite.

This is the conclusion drawn from a number of letters just received from reliable persons in unoccupied France who have been

there ever since the French collapse. Some of them have been able to learn a few details from occupied territory.

"A" paints a picture of life in a French village in unoccupied France. "Wireless is now prohibited in cafes and public places. We shall soon be all hanged, drawn and quartered for listening to God's truth."

"France is becoming Germanised more and more every day—on paper. But her citizens become more and more British every day. I don't know a single person that has not confidence in Britain and certainty of Britain's victory. I was in a country cafe about five miles from here the other day and everybody was openly saying 'Vive les Anglais.' In this town the name of Italy stinks."

Says "B": "It is plain that nothing is going well and right for the Axis. Some Frenchmen at one time thought England would bolt and run, and that the end of hostilities was in sight. These Frenchmen now see the error of their judgment, and are now tout en admiration pour les Anglais and very much so."

SAVED BY GOING ON TO ROOF

Sir Robert Witt had a remarkable escape from death during a night raid on London.

"I was on the fifth floor of a house in which I was dining with two friends," he said, "and we were just finishing dinner when the raid became noisy. We decided to go on the roof to see what was happening. That meant going up a short staircase for we were already near the top and had only one floor above us."

"This curiosity saved our lives, for we had just reached the flat roof and were standing at the side of it when a bomb fell. Nothing was left of the room in which we had been dining; its piano was found at the bottom of the building."

"If we had been only a minute later in leaving the room we should not be here now. None of us was hurt, but getting down to the ground proved to be rather a lengthy process. We had to use ladders and ropes and it took us an hour."

Sir Robert Witt, senior partner in a well-known firm of solicitors, has been responsible for the acquisition of many national art treasures. He is chairman of the National Art Collections Fund which he helped to found and for many years was a trustee of the National Gallery and the Tate Gallery.

R.A.F. 'HAUNTS' NAZI SKIES

Gen. Milch's Fears

In a broadcast warning to Germans not to ignore air raid alarms, Gen. Milch, Chief of the Luftwaffe, stated "As soon as the enemy is approaching the air becomes haunted. All must immediately seek shelter, particularly so because often you cannot even see or hear the enemy coming."

He told the people to expect more frequent and heavier raids.

In his speech, designed to reassure the German people about raids, he said it was true that many German people had lost members of their families and their homes. But this could not be compared with the British losses, which amounted to "thousands of killed."

"It is true the sword is always hanging over everybody's head," he went on, "but nevertheless we must all set our teeth, because it is a great thing which is at stake." He emphasised that bombs had a destructive power "against which light shelters can give little protection."

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11.00 p.m.—Close down.

HUSBAND WHO SHOT WIFE

The question whether the estate of a wife passed, under her will, to her husband or whether she died intestate after being shot by the husband, who immediately after took his own life, was decided in a summons in the Chancery Division before Mr. Justice Farwell, who held that there was an intestacy.

The summons was taken out by the administrators of the will of Mrs. Evelyn Morton Pollock, of Erechfont Manor, near Devizes, who died on June 11 last year from a wound caused by a revolver bullet fired by her husband, Mr. Hamilton Rivers Pollock, who afterwards took his own life.

Mrs. Pollock's estate was valued at over £39,000 and her husband's at £16,625.

Mr. Justice Farwell, giving judgment, said: "There is no evidence to show what was the state of Mr. Pollock's mind at the moment his wife died. Where one person kills another, that person is not entitled to participate in the estate of the person who has been murdered."

"Although the court could come to the conclusion that the husband killed the wife, the state of mind of the husband at the time has not been proved. I must come to the conclusion that it is the duty of the administrators to act on the assumption that the husband is not entitled, in all the circumstances, to benefit in any way in the estate of his wife."

RABBITS AS FOOD FOR PETS

In her concern over the shortage of food for household pets, Mrs. Constance Hyatt, of Houns-low has written to the King suggesting that offal, rabbit, or horse-flesh might be made available. The letter has been forwarded to the Ministry of Food.

Mrs. Hyatt laments that since then there has been an official intimation that no more bird-seed is to be imported and that, while we import frozen rabbits, home-bred ones are to be gassed.

It is true that rabbits are being gassed, at the instigation of the Ministry of Agriculture. "Four rabbits eat as much as a sheep," said an official "and 40 rabbits as much as a dairy cow."

"The rabbits we import are dead ones. The difficulty about providing home-bred ones is that of obtaining the men to kill them." A certain amount of horseflesh was available for dogs, but the demand had not been very great."

Refugee Ship Charges

Charges of "unjust and inhuman" conditions on board the steamship Dunera when taking 3,400 refugees from Britain to Australia were dealt with by Mr. Law, Financial Secretary to the War Office, in the House of Commons.

Capt. Margesson, the Secretary for War, was going to see, said Mr. Law, what steps he could take to provide an immediate reparation to these people, and would see that compensation was made as expeditiously and as justly as possible.

Mr. Wedgwood, who had raised the matter, said that most of the refugees were friendly Jewish aliens, and the vessel was suitable for carrying only half the number taken.

"They were robbed by the soldiers in charge," he declared. "They were battered down and only allowed on certain occasions on deck."

"It is important that we should show the world that when anything of this sort has been done by people in British service direct action is taken by the House and the Government. Do not let this be a hole-and-corner affair."

"Watches Taken"

"You cannot compensate them for the inhumanity, but you can

compensate them for the injustice, particularly the taking of watches and wedding rings. So far as possible these things should be restored to those from whom they have been taken."

Mr. Law stated that it was impossible to say anything specific while the matter was still sub-judice.

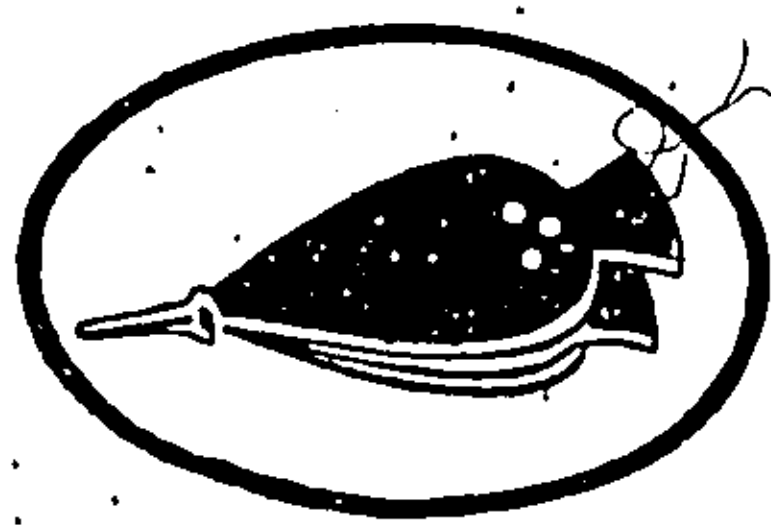
The preliminary investigation had been completed, and there was a prima facie case for an inquiry. It was also clear that some, if not all, of these internees had suffered loss.

A court of inquiry was not easy at the present time, and it might even not be possible before the end of the war. Court-martial proceedings might be a more realistic fulfilment of the pledge of the War Minister than the holding of a court of inquiry.

It was better to clear our good name, even if it was a little extravagant, than to wait and have the matter drag on for months, with unjust reflections on our name and character in the meantime.

It will be recalled that when the matter was last before the House, on February 18, Capt. Margesson promised that a Court of Inquiry would investigate allegations about the behaviour of troops on the ship when they returned from Australia. The inquiry, he stated, would not be held in public, but the House would be informed of the composition of the court.

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GENERAL'S TWO WILLS

Claim By Widow

An action relating to two wills of Major-Gen. Hubert A. A. Livingstone, aged 74, Heathside Road, Woking, who died on July 9, leaving more than £50,000, came before the President, Lord Merri-man, in the Probate Court.

Lady Livingstone, the widow, asked the Court, as sole executrix, to pronounce for a will of July 8, the day before he died, in which he left everything to her, relying on her to do what was right regarding the only son of the marriage, and the General's brother, Guy.

The defendants, Col. H. W. Holland, chartered accountant, Old-square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C., and Mr. J. Hulbert, solicitor, New-square, Lincoln's Inn, contended that Gen. Livingstone was not of sound mind at the time the will was made and they set up a will of September 22, 1936, of which they were executors. In this, it was stated, elaborate provision was made for the maintenance of the son and also of the brother.

Mr. T. K. Wigan, for Lady Livingstone, said that she denied that her husband was incapable of making a will. She, in fact, wished to carry out her husband's desires.

Mr. Clifford Mortimer, for the defendants, said that if Lady Livingstone were going to make proper provision for the son and the brother the real purpose of the action had been gained. Hearing adjourned.

X-RAY SERVICE DESPITE BOMBS

A fleet of 25 mobile X-ray plants, each capable of the most urgent work of a hospital X-ray department, is being built by the British Red Cross as a consequence of the frequency with which hospitals are bombed.

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SUMMONED FOR CANTEEN TALK

Woman's Alleged "Don't Fight"

Soldier customers of a canteen at Newhaven gave evidence at Lewes about alleged remarks by the manageress.

Mr. Hilda Ann Hungerford pleaded not guilty to a summons alleging that she endeavoured to seduce soldiers from their duties and published a statement liable to cause alarm and despondency. The case was adjourned to allow the defence to prepare their case.

Mr. Paling, prosecuting, alleged that Mrs. Hungerford on January 26, while serving, exhorted soldiers to lay down their arms when the Germans came. She also said, "We would be much better off under the Nazi rule. The sooner the Germans conquer us the better for us. If the Germans came we should get better food. The English soldiers are no good. They will never win."

Sgt. John Batesy said Mrs. Hungerford told him that the sale of cakes had been stopped. He said he thought it was unfair, and Mrs. Hungerford replied: "Yes; we would be better off under the Nazi rule."

"Jovial Woman"

Regarding the alleged remark about laying down arms, Sgt. Edward George Sinfield said it could have been taken as a joke as Mrs. Hungerford was a very jovial woman.

Sgt. Frank Slawson said the remark he heard was, "When the Germans come I would lay down my arms."

Gunner R. S. Terry said he thought Mrs. Hungerford was joking.

L/Sgt. Turns said she stated that if the Germans came she would not run away but raise her hand and say, "Heil Hitler." She was excited when she made the remark.

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Mary Hardwick Describes Her Tennis Tour In U.S., Canada Reception Which Just Bowled Her Over

Speaks Of Relief Work Done Everywhere

A FURTHER INTERESTING description of her activities and impressions as she proceeded through the far western sections of the United States and Canada on her professional tennis tour with Alice Marble, was given to Reuter's correspondent recently by Mary Hardwick, the English former Wightman Cup player.

As was the case when she described her tour some time ago, she found the people of those parts touchingly pro-British and was overwhelmed by their kindness towards her and their expression of sympathy and hope of victory for England and the Empire.

Miss Hardwick referred to her match in Vancouver, British Columbia, recently, in which Miss Marble won 6-3, 10-8 before a packed audience. The match, incidentally, was run by a Mr. Cardinal, a Sussex County cricketer, according to Miss Hardwick, who carried her off the court in October, 1938, in Brighton when she sprained her ankle.

Great Reception

"The reception in Vancouver just bowled me over," Mary told Reuter. "The crowd was so pro-British that we had to stop them trying to cheer for me. The men became so confused with the play that they were not very quick on their decisions, and were inclined to make mistakes. This crowd would not stand, and if Alice made a winner on the line they always roared it was out. However, although I did not win we had one of the best matches of the tour, perfect conditions, sold-out house and both of us played really well. I had three set-points in the second set," she added.

Miss Hardwick confessed that she was often close to tears during her short stay in Vancouver. The feeling of coming back on to British soil again after so long away from it deeply affected her. Also, she said, "I felt so much that here I was in a country where they were striving and praying for victory, in earnest, there was no question of just England pulling through in the people's conversation. It was we and us all the time."

She told, too, how she found Vancouver plastered with splendid war posters urging the people to "Save for Victory," to buy war savings certificates and to do all sorts of other things to help win the war. Also, there were big, life-sized posters of Mr. Winston Churchill, with the words, now so historic in this part of the world, "Give us the tools and we'll finish the job."

Trip A Success

Speaking of her trip in the North West in general, Miss Hardwick said that it had been a complete success and that she and Miss Marble had been playing to sell-out houses everywhere, in the United States as well as in Vancouver. She found the Portland and Seattle people and those in other parts of the same localities, the "most pro-British" of any she had met on the whole tour.

In San Francisco, Miss Marble was presented with the keys of the city and Miss Hardwick who had to accompany her to the ceremony was asked to make a speech at the City Hall because "I represented the other, Democracy."

Miss Hardwick spoke enthusiastically of the relief work being done in the North West in aid of Bundles for Britain and the British War Relief Society. She has been combining tennis with visiting the various relief centres, "making radio appeals, appearing in Bundles for Britain shops, visiting work rooms and meeting committees."

Altogether, Miss Hardwick is doing her bit for Britain with all the enthusiasm possible, and that she is one of the outstanding ambassadors of goodwill between England and the United States there is no doubt.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

K.B.C.C.
"A" First Division (v Indian R.C. Away)

W. L. Walker, W. McNeil, S. Randle and A. Holland (Skip)
R. P. Phillips, H. White, J. G. Meyer and A. J. Hall (Skip)
L. Sykes, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde Lay and G. Sheriff (Skip)

"B" First Division (Kowloon Docks Away)

W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, E. Levett and R. Duncan (Skip)
A. Morton, P. A. Peckham, H. Lockhart and J. McKelvie (Skip)
E. Seard, G. W. Deacon, H. E. Drew and L. Guy (Skip)
Third Division (v Kowloon F.C. Home)
J. A. Fraser, S. A. Macgregor, E. V. Seale and H. Nash (Skip)
H. Bicknell, S. C. Walker, L. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip)
J. S. Dumen, C. E. Landley, G. E. F. Thompson and D. W. Waterford (Skip)

POLICE

First Division (v Club de Retiro Away)

W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. Dall and J. Shepherd (Skip)
G. Perkins, W. M. Smith, A. E. Carey and E. G. Post (Skip)
C. Gough, C. Pile, W. McHardy and W. Mann (Skip)

Third Division (v H.K. Electric Home)

G. Davies, E. Greenwood, A. J. Johnson and F. Channing (Skip)
A. Soutar, C. Wilcox, F. Nolan and J. McDonald (Skip)
J. Hayward, J. Riddell, J. R. McWalter and J. Atken (Skip)

K. TONG

Second Division (v H.K.C.C. Away)

H. A. Castro, J. Tang, A. Madar and A. J. Kew (Skip)
N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. I. Stephens (Skip)
H. Gittins, W. M. Gittins, A. E. Castro and W. J. Howard (Skip)

H.K.C.C.
Second Division (v Kowloon Tong G.C.A. Home)

J. G. Haigh, S. L. Lloyd, L. J. Davies and G. E. Costello (Skip)
G. G. Aikenhead, L. A. H. Duncan, T. R. Rowell and F. Goodwin (Skip)
R. R. Davies, E. Hopes, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip)
Reserves—P. S. Cassidy and T. C. Monaghan

Friendly (v Kowloon Football Club Away)

A. McKellar, P. Morrison, Dr. D. J. Valentine and B. J. Lacon (Skip)
H. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. R. Lambert, S. Mitchell and E. S. Abraham (Skip)
H. A. Angus, L. E. N. Ryan, E. S. Doughty and J. B. Gilroy (Skip)
Reserves—E. A. R. Fowles and W. J. Hansen

K.C.C.

First Division (v Craigengower C.C. Away)

W. Mulcahy, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor and J. Fraser (Skip)
A. E. Perry, A. W. Smith, L. Jack and E. C. Fincher (Skip)
A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, N. J. Bobbington and T. A. Madar (Skip)

Second Division (v Hong Kong Football Club Home)

A. C. Tribble, G. W. Bowden, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (Skip)
T. R. Hunter, A. H. Martin, E. C. Curtis and R. S. Meadow (Skip)
R. S. Capell, F. A. Fabel, H. Overy and T. W. Carr (Skip)

H.K.F.C.

Second Division (v K.C.C. Away)

J. S. Howell, G. Stephens, G. Graver and W. Gill (Skip)
A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. G. Wellington and W. Macfarlane (Skip)
R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and H. V. Pearce (Skip)

Third Division (v Club de Retiro Home)

A. Bailey, J. M. Thomson, B. J.

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TOURING TEAMS TO SUBMIT ACCOUNTS

AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION that, in future, all teams touring with the sanction of the Association should keep a proper statement of accounts and submit same to the Association, was unanimously carried at the monthly Council meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday evening.

The resolution was passed after further discussion was made regarding the question of inducements to players as raised in a letter by the Kwong Wah Athletic Association at the last meeting and a reply to which was received from Eastern A.A.

Eastern's reply to Kwong Wah stated that regarding Lau Fook-chuen they were not concerned with his employment. It added that the player was not satisfied with his employment and took the chance to tour prior to taking up a better job in a commercial firm. They did not say whether there was any request or inducement to Lau to leave his former employment.

Never Raised

A letter was received from Kwong Wah regarding this reply.



from Eastern. It pointed out that the question of request or inducement was never raised and suggested that the Association should look into the Eastern's Manila tour in order to see if no inducement had been offered.

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Chairman, said he deplored the last part of the letter and said he remembered that Mr. Brown was pressed at the last meeting but refused to put a proposal to the meeting to look into the books of Eastern.

Mr. Brown said the question as brought up in Eastern's reply was not raised by Kwong Wah. His request to the Association to look into the matter was that if that question was not raised why did Eastern answer in that manner.

The Chairman replied that unless a prima facie case was made out the Association could not make investigations into the affairs of any club on any flimsy suspicion alone.

Mr. Brown said he brought up the question only as a matter of principle. He said that early in the season there had been a great deal of unpleasantness adding that a first division club was stripped of all its players. He felt that if one club deliberately went to another and got players to handicap the other club the Association should do something.

Mr. J. McKelvie replied that at the close of the season players were free to play for any club as they were amateurs.

Proposed by Mr. J. Skinner, and seconded by Mr. McKelvie a resolution was passed that Eastern be asked to reply direct to the point raised in Mr. Brown's letter.

To Alter Rules

Mr. Wong said on looking over the file he found that there were rules to be altered and suggested a sub-committee be appointed to deal with these. The following were elected to serve on the committee:—Messrs. Wong Ka-tsun, C. Gillingham, J. Skinner and T. G. Stokes.

Mr. Charles Young, new honorary secretary of South China, was introduced to the Council through a letter and will take Mr. Walter H. Chen's place on the Council.

PROMISING FORM OF E. A. ROBERTS

ALTHOUGH IT WAS not very well attended and the various events were not always well supported, the first swimming gala of the season held by European Y.M.C.A. last night was quite an enjoyable affair although the standard never reached a very high level.

There was much evidence of pre-season lack of training, as for instance young Saunders, normally a stout-hearted swimmer, retiring after three lengths of the back-stroke event owing to the fact that he had only a few minutes earlier completed a sharp 50 yards.

Feature of the evening was the unearthing of some new talent in Edward Roberts, a long rangy youth who should do very well with training and experience.

Roberts only entered for one individual event—the 75 yards medley handicap—but he won after a thrilling struggle with F. Willis, to whom he conceded five seconds.

Lai Tsun Swimming Union easily won the 200 Yards Relay from Y.M.C.A. "A", a fairly strong combination, with David Hutchinson, the Colony champion, swimming in the anchor position.

In the water-polo match which wound up the programme Y.M.C.A. beat Middlesex by 4-0. 50 yards aggregate handicap.—Heat 1.—1, M. J. Gunning (33 secs.); 2, G. Ramage (33 2/5); 3, H. C. Eardley. Heat 2.—1, G. Davidson (27); 2, G. Saunders (27 2/5); 3, A. McQueen. Heat 3.—1, E. F. Paul (27 1/5); 2, E. W. Ralston (29 2/5).

100 yards back-stroke handicap.—F. Willis (33 3/5); G. Saunders failed to finish.

Diving (sealed handicap).—1, N. D. Booker (85); 2, A. McQueen (80); 3, R. Goldman (78); 4, F. Willis (75); 5, G. Saunders (74).

220 yards aggregate handicap. Heat 1.—1, E. F. Paul (3.10 1/5); 2, G. Bickford and J. Russell (Skip).

S. Carr, F. Flippance, S. Strange and F. Morgan (Skip).

E. Casey, J. R. Barnes, A. C. Gratton and B. H. Mansell (Skip).

H.K.E.R.C.
Third Division (v Police Recreation Club, Away)

W. E. MacFarlane, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron and L. de Rome (Skip).

R. A. Owens, E. L. Grooms, A. G. Gardner and A. F. Paul (Skip).

A. P. Tarbutt, J. R. Way, C. E. Gahagan and J. K. Sloan (Skip).

YACHTING RESULTS

The Yacht Club yesterday held its annual race for boat boys over a course of 7.8 miles. The race resulted.—Joss 1, Koula 2, True Blue 3, La Linda 4, Maureen 5, Artemis 6, Gull 7, Jean 8, Tyrone 9, Chai 10.

The result of the Helmsman's Cup Series, the final of which was sailed concurrently with Saturday's sweepstake, is.—E. Hutten-cier (35 pts.) 1, G. G. Wood, T. C. Fairburn (29) 2, V. H. Johnson (27) 4, G. F. Hyde (25); 5, C. C. Blake, P. D. A. Chidell (24); 6, H. V. Browne, W. Forsyth (21) 8, G. Allen (12) 9.

NEW BASEBALL GROUND

Chatham Road ground will be the venue of this season's baseball games. The military authorities are erecting a stand on the

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KID BERG & ZWICK STILL BOXING AFTER 15 YEARS

Berg Still A Threat For British Championship Zwick Able To Take On Best Of Featherweights

Two boxers, each with fifteen or more years of fighting behind them, seem to have solved the problem of perpetual youth.

It is 15 years ago since Kid Berg, the former British lightweight champion, took up fighting as a career, ten years since he was making bids for the world title in America, and seven since he was British champion. His breezy, aggressive non-stop style earned him the name of the "Whitechapel Whirlwind" in those days, and it is remarkable that he has lost little of his speed since.

There were signs in the last few months of his developing a more sober and more polished style, but when he met Harry Mizler, another former British champion, in the main ten round bout of an afternoon tournament, he pulled out all his old "fire" to gain a points victory that confounded the critics.

Learns From Mizler

It was from Mizler, a disciple of the old upright school of boxing, relying on the clever use of his feet, that Berg won his British title seven years ago, and Berg is as strong to day as he was then. If he continues to improve at many more "bouts" he will be a threat to the British championship. Indeed, Berg is so confident that he is prepared to accept that he has already issued a challenge to Rodrick.

More complete fighters such as Mizler, with fine boxing ability and punching power, seem to wither in face of Berg's whirlwind aggression. Mizler was certainly off form, but perhaps Berg must take most of the credit for that. He knows how to throw a stylish boxer out of his stride and he never stopped worrying Mizler, who became so anxious that he seemed to forget all about his sturdy left hand.

The other fighter who is still clinging punches after 15 years of it is Phil Zwick, at one time a contender for world featherweight championship honours. He recently gave a boxing and punching lesson to Gene Ward, a highly promising Chicago negro.

Zwick Stilling Willing

Zwick, who has fought in many parts of the world, is still willing and able to take on the best featherweights. Since he fought in boxing matches at school before turning professional, he must have been at the game for about 20 years.

Despite his long innings Zwick has few scars to show and he has lost little of his boxing craft and skill. His nose is somewhat flattened but his ears are not marred and he is still lithe and keen of eye.

10th Title Fight

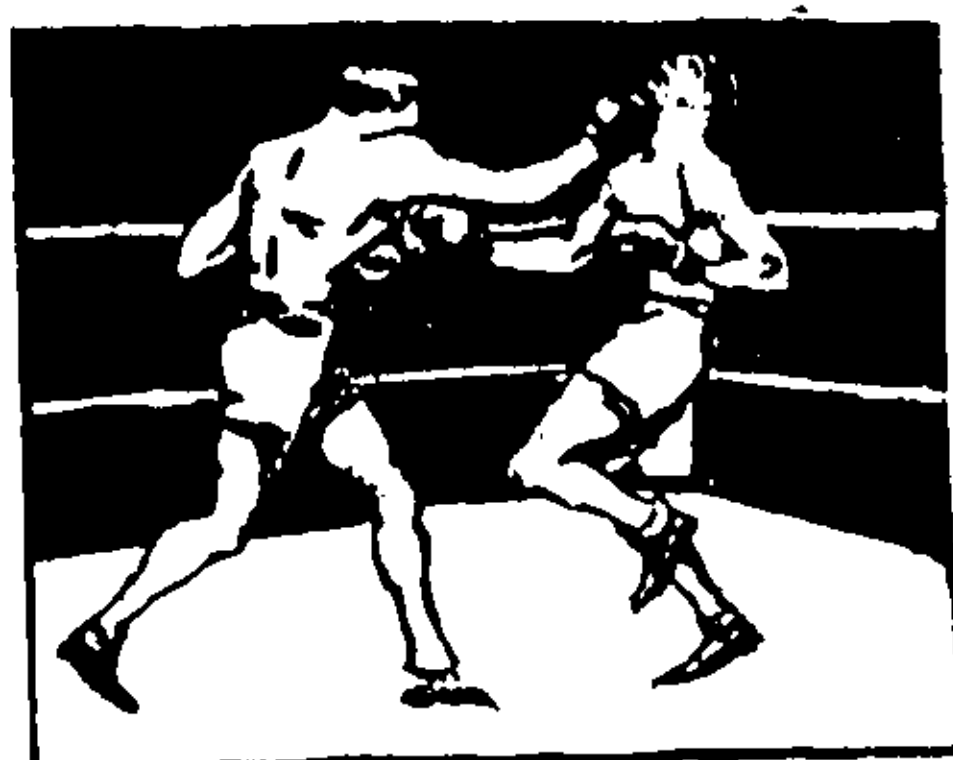
When Tarleton next steps into the ring in defence of his title he will be creating a British record.

SANDY HERD GOES ROUND COURSE IN 72

Sandy Herd, grand old man of golf, recently went round High Course, Moor Park Golf Club, in 72—a stroke for each year of his age.

This score, which many younger players would find difficult to beat, will be his last for some time, for Sandy was taken ill next day. He is in hospital and may have to undergo an operation.

"My father was pleased with his score," said Miss Alexandra Herd "but he has not been well lately, and the strain was too much for him. He will be seventy-three next month."



who has to make the weight. Bombardier Billy Wells, of course, fought in sixteen heavyweight title fights, but he did not have to worry about weight.

2,500 OFFERS OF MARRIAGE

No less than 2,500 Americans want to help pretty Vera Hrubá, the Czechoslovakian skating star, to avoid deportation, by marrying her.

That many proposals, Miss Hrubá said, were received after her plight was publicised in the press. She is threatened with deportation because her passport as an entertainer has expired. She said she would rather "die than return to Europe."—Reuter.

MADCAP BAER MODEL CITIZEN?

Uncle Billy McCarney gives the war-mad world something more serious to think about than a rampant Hitler. He shouts from the quarters where he is ballyhooing the one and only Max Baer.

"Max tumbles into bed at 10 p.m., and hits the road at 6:30 each morning and romps for an hour. Then the gym, doing floor work and torturing the bags for an hour. "Max is so settled it surprises me, who knew him all through his daffiness days."

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(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet, on board H.M.S. Ark Royal)

WE HAVE JUST BEEN LISTENING ON THE RADIO TO FANTASTIC ITALIAN CLAIMS OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT BROUGHT DOWN DURING LAST WEEK'S AIR ATTACK ON BRITISH WARSHIPS ESCORTING A CONVOY IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

THE NAZI PERIL

"If the Nazis won, the hope of civilisation in Africa would be at an end and its peoples would be thrown back into slavery under German task-masters."

This declaration was made in a broadcast yesterday by Lord Moyne, Secretary for the Colonies, speaking in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Nyasaland Protectorate.

Lord Moyne said that men from all parts of Africa had been fighting like lions in the Empire's armies which had destroyed Italian rule in East Africa.—Reuter.

We were steaming merrily along quite unaware we had been struck by three torpedoes, and the glowing account of the damage inflicted on our ships gave us a good laugh after the grim night-hour battle between British fighters, ships, guns and Axis bombers.

The simple truth is that the Italian bombers, escorted by hordes of fighters and assisted by Nazi Stukas and Messerschmidts, with favourable weather, failed to secure even a near miss on any ship but were given such a rough handling by our fighters and a tremendous concentration of nearly 100 A.A. guns that they lost seven aircraft for certain and five more badly damaged.

Four actual attacks materialised in a day of perpetual threat, two by torpedo-bombers and two by high-flying bombers.

Every minute of the day the ship's fighters were constantly alert, for everywhere in the low-hanging clouds were enemy bomber formations.

We were steaming between Cagliari naval base and Sicily, so that the Italians were able

to accompany their bombers to accompany their bombers with many squadrons of fast, well-armed land fighters.

Relentless Attacks

While the ships' guns belched shells in an almost daylong barrage, spluttering the clouds with dancing fire and innumerable black puffs of smoke, fighters flashed, twirled and dived among the clouds in a furious and relentless attack on the enemy bombers.

Many times in the far horizon around the ships could be seen spouting columns of water as bombers jettisoned their projectiles and fled from the blazing guns of British fighters, despite the scores of fighters protecting them.

Against such overwhelming odds, time and again our fighters smashed up a formation of bombers lurking in the clouds awaiting a favourable moment to swoop down and bomb the ships.

Notable Feat

The day's most notable feat came at dusk, when the last attack was made by torpedo-bombers, while at the same time a force of 30 Stukas, protected by six fighters, were cruising in the clouds with the obvious intention of making a simultaneous assault.

Suddenly six British fighters dived among them, machine-guns spitting venomously. One Stuka dived into the sea in flames and two fighters staggered off into cloud shelter with smoke pouring from them.

Bullets rained on the gallant little group of British fighters from all sides but they maintained their attack until the enemy quailed.

HOPELESSLY THE SCATTERED STUKAS DROPPED THEIR BOMBS INTO THE SEA AND FLED, LEAVING OUR FIGHTERS HARD HIT BUT VICTORIOUS.—REUTER.

FIRM TONE ON STOCK MARKET

A generally firm undertone was maintained on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, with Kaffirs, coppers and oils encouraged by details of wasting assets allowances announced in the Finance Bill. Industrials were steady to firm, with useful gains by breweries and Unilever, while Dunlops partially recovered after losing 1/- on a 10 per cent distribution against 12 per cent last year. Japanese bonds were higher among foreign issues which, generally, were firm. Wall Street was dull.—Reuter.

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PLOT TO OVERTHROW HITLER?

Otto Strasser's Theory On Hess

ARMY COUP HINTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Otto Strasser, leader in exile of the anti-Nazi Black Front, members of which are still secretly active in Germany, yesterday linked Rudolf Hess's flight with underground reports Strasser said he had received of an impending military coup to overthrow Hitler.

Reached by International News in Montreal by telephone from New York, Strasser said he had received "definite information" from Germany weeks ago of army dissatisfaction.

STRASSER SAID: "THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND IS FED UP WITH HITLER, AND A FAMOUS GERMAN GENERAL HAS ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED TO SUCCEED HIM AS MILITARY DICTATOR."

Strasser, one of the original founders of the Nazi Party, fled for his life in 1934 after his brother, Gregor Strasser, also a Nazi pioneer, was killed in the blood purge of that year.

"Hess knew the army chief-tains hate him just as they hate Hitler and Himmler and other Nazi leaders with the exception of Goering," Strasser declared.—International News Service.

O! MY O! NYE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Senator Gerald Nye, the isolationist, claimed in Denver yesterday to have received "confidential information" from Washington that President Roosevelt is planning to declare a "complete emergency."

"The present so-called emergency can be called a limited emergency, but under a complete emergency the President will have power to censor every public word," Senator Nye alleged.

He claimed he received the information a few minutes before addressing a No War Rally of the America First Committee.—International News Service.

EARLIER HESS LETTER TO DUKE OF HAMILTON

RINGED IN BLUE PENCIL ON RUDOLF HESS'S MAP, ON WHICH THE DEPUTY FUEHRER HAD PLOTTED HIS COURSE FROM AUGSBURG TO SCOTLAND, WAS THE DUCAL SEAT OF THE DUKE OF HAMILTON AND LANARKSHIRE.

When, in the gathering dusk on Saturday night, Hess made his dramatic crash landing some eight miles from Glasgow, the first thing he asked was the way to Dungavel.

He had mistaken a large house he had sighted as the mansion he was seeking and, failing to find a suitable landing ground, decided to descend by parachute.

Despite his damaged ankle he wanted to be taken to the Duke's house, which he thought was nearby.

According to the farmer MacLean, Hess did not say why he wanted to see the Duke but obviously was very anxious to do so.

It was recalled in an official German news agency broadcast yesterday that Hess met the Duke of Hamilton at the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936.

A statement authorized in Germany says the documents left behind by Hess revealed he wanted to meet the Duke of Hamilton in order to attempt to effect peace between Germany and England, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

Earlier Letter

In connection with this message it can now be revealed that Hess made an attempt to communicate with the Duke of Hamilton by letter some months previously.

The Duke immediately placed the letter in the hands of the British Security authorities and no reply was made to Hess.

The Duke had met Hess on one or two occasions before the war in connection with sporting matters in which both were interested.

Hess is alleged to have said that when the Duke was the Marquess of Douglas and Clydesdale, he knew him well and that he had flown to Scotland and made his estate his objective as he had valuable information to give the Duke.

Tyranny In Reich

This information, Hess said, would be of great use to the British in overthrowing the tyranny that now prevails in the Reich.

Hess averred he made the most painstaking preparations for his flight from Germany.

This statement was borne out by maps he had used for navigation, which showed the route from the

Duke's estates were ringed in a circle.

It was a tribute to Hess's capabilities as a pilot that he should arrive in Scotland and land at a point in such close proximity to his objective.

Hardships In Germany

Hess is reported to have told the farm people of the hardship now being experienced in Germany and of the great distress.

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Daylight Raiders

Bombs were dropped by single aircraft at points on the south coast, in the east Midlands and in eastern England yesterday, says an Air Ministry communique.

Little damage was done and the number of casualties was small.

Total planes destroyed in daylight on Sunday, May 11, it is now stated, was six, and A.A. guns have now claimed an additional success.

One bomber was brought down over England on Tuesday night.—Reuter.

SOVIET ENVOY CALLS ON MR. HULL

Clarification of the uncertain Soviet-United States relations is believed imminent with the arrangement yesterday afternoon of a conference between Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and M. Oumansky, the Soviet Ambassador—their first for over a year, says Reuter from Washington.

NAZI APPROACH IN TURKEY

Franz von Papen, German Ambassador to Turkey, had an hour's interview with President Inonu yesterday afternoon, says an Istanbul despatch to the official German news agency.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, was present.

Von Papen paid the customary call of an Ambassador returning to his post at the Foreign Office and saw Dr. Sarajoglu.

The Turkish Cabinet held its usual weekly meeting later in the day, after which Dr. Sarajoglu addressed the People's Party secret session for an hour on the subject of foreign affairs.

The Premier, Dr. Saydam, then gave a resume of foreign developments, after which the meeting, in the words of the official communique, ended with an outburst of applause.

Nothing Known

While nothing is known of the conversation between von Papen and Dr. Sarajoglu, well-informed circles in Ankara believe the Ambassador either delivered or will deliver proposals for closer economic collaboration between Germany and Turkey.—Reuter.

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"THE FREEDOM-LOVING AND PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES OF THIS EARTH ARE COMING TO REALISE THAT THIS IS NOT BRITAIN'S FIGHT ALONE," DECLARED THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR, MR. JOHN WINANT, ADDRESSING AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION LUNCHEON GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

"On the wise use by the navies of the world may hang the destinies of the world's free people," Mr. Winant continued.

"A kindly providence at this time of stress and danger has placed at the heads of the two great English-speaking peoples two men whose knowledge of the sea is probably greater than any statesmen of any time.

"The problems before them in the defence of their countries are not simple problems, but complicated ones.

"The common ideals of the English-speaking peoples of the world are not ideas from which other people are excluded. They are ideals alien in no country that loves liberty and hates tyranny.

"To-day the English speaking peoples again are being drawn together in a struggle to preserve not only their common heritage but the common ideals of civilized men everywhere.

"With Mideastern cunning, Hitler and his army has sought to weaken and undermine national unity in these countries whose freedom they would destroy.

Grim Experience

"So far the totalitarians have been appallingly successful. Experience has proved they have a way of keeping their threats and breaking their promises.

"One by one they have destroyed one nation after another, and for men and women of goodwill there is only one choice.

"WHEN THE DICTATORS CONSPIRE TOGETHER, MEN AND WOMEN OF GOODWILL EVERYWHERE MUST ACT TOGETHER.

Crowning Virtue

Mr. Winant said: "It is probably the crowning virtue of the English-speaking countries that they recognize and respect virtue wherever they find it and are not inclined to beguile themselves with the primitive and barbaric idea that they themselves have a monopoly of it.

"That is the reason that to-day, throughout Europe and throughout the world, common people of all races and all religions are hoping and praying and, wherever given a chance, fighting for victory for Britain and for the English-speaking countries which rally to Britain's aid.

"Only this week in London, in the early morning hours of the Sabbath Day, enemy bombs destroyed the House of Commons room of Parliament and smashed the altar of Westminster Abbey.

"These two hits seemed to me to symbolize the objectives of dictator and pagan.

"I Was Proud"

"Across the street from the wreckage of these two great historic buildings of State and Church, the statue of Abraham Lincoln was still standing.

"As I looked at the bowed figure of the great emancipator and thought of his life, I could not help but remember that he loved God, that he had defined

and represented Democratic Government and that he hated slavery.

"And as an American I was proud that he was there in all that wreckage as a friend and reminder of the gallant days that have come by and as a reminder that in this great battle for freedom he wanted quietly for the support of those things for which he lived and died." — British Wireless.

Speaking on the same occasion, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said the ignominious aim for which Germans must now suffer and die was to seek to enslave other, but this conception was the crudest fantasy.

Forces Of History

Europe would never be composed of one master race and a core of subject races. The Nazis were fighting against the natural forces of history and were seeking to reverse the flow of the rivers of time.

It was therefore not surprising to find among the small group of men trying to impose their rule by force evidence of dissension.

In his one might find a partial explanation at least of the recent parachute descent that so much electrified the world.

Greatest Hope

In the growing Anglo-American understanding lay the greatest hope for the world's future.

Mr. Eden concluded: "We share the same traditions and we here know you understand when we say that rather than yield up the faith in which we believe we are prepared to suffer whatever it may be that German might can impose." — Reuter.

FIGHTERS SWOOP ON OSTEND

Ostend aerodrome was attacked by R.A.F. fighters at about dawn yesterday, when one pair of Hurricanes swept across the aerodrome at 100 feet.

The squadron leader gave a short burst at a large hangar and saw a brilliant red explosion.

An Australian pilot officer following closely fired two bursts at a barrack block and hangars.

Another pair of Hurricanes, flying low over the Belgian coast, fired at gun posts between an aerodrome and the sea. They allenced and caused casualties to the crews.

Our fighters flew through intense A.A. fire but suffered no damage and returned safely. — British Wireless.

DARLAN SELL-OUT NOT YET AT ITS FINAL STAGES

WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES IN VICHY ARE OF OPINION THAT THE FRANCO-GERMAN DISCUSSIONS HAVE COVERED A WIDER FIELD THAN MERE ECONOMIC MATTERS AND THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE FINAL STAGES, THE SWISS RADIO REPORTED LAST NIGHT.

The negotiations, it is said, dealt with France's place in the new Europe of Germany and Italy.

It is also reported that the Armistice clause will be revised and a new demarcation line established between the occupied and unoccupied zones.

Nothing definite is yet known of French concessions to Berlin, but the main German idea seems to be to oppose the Anglo-Saxon industrial bloc by an European industrial bloc in which the French metallurgical and mining industries would play an important part.

THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN HITLER AND ADMIRAL DARLAN TOOK PLACE AT BERCHTESGADEN, ACCORDING TO THE SWISS RADIO QUOTING VICHY REPORTS.

Ribbentrop and Field-Marshal Keitel were present.

Hitler Visiting Paris?

Darlan arrived by special train from Paris accompanied by the Nazi Ambassador there, Abetz, and Commandant Fontaine of the French Ministry of Marine.

The Swiss announcer added it had been unofficially stated in Vichy that Darlan would shortly go to Paris, where he would have a fresh meeting with "a high German personality," with a view to putting into operation the agreement already reached in principle. — Reuter.

"MORE WAVELLS IN ARMY"

"We have other generals like Wavell and we have other troops in this island training for their job, who, when their time comes, are not going to be left behind by Wavell's men," said Field-Marshal Sir Cyril Deverell, a former Chief of the Imperial General Staff, at Aberdeen.

"They are determined to show," he went on, "that we are not only 'stickers,' but that we now have a

IRAQ TALKS IN ANKARA

Shawket Ali, Iraq Defence Minister, had an interview yesterday with the Soviet Ambassador in Ankara and with President Inonu, reports Toulouse radio quoted by Reuter.

LATEST POSITION IN IRAQ

The latest position in Iraq was defined by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Small forces of the R.A.F. at Habbaniyah had successfully beaten off an attack by Iraqi forces and now control the whole area round the cantonment, Mr. Eden said.

Both they and the Imperial forces at Basra were being rapidly reinforced and vigorous air actions were being carried out by the R.A.F. against military objectives throughout Iraq. The British Government, said Mr. Eden, is convinced that the action of Raschid Ali and his supporters in launching an attack on a loyal ally of their country is not upheld by the Iraqi people as a whole.

The British Government never had any intention to threaten the independence of Iraq. Their sole desire had been to maintain their treaty rights. — Reuter.

LORD GORT TAKES NEW COMMAND

Lord Gort, new Governor of Gibraltar, assumed command yesterday when he took the oath of allegiance at Government House, says Reuter.

HITLER'S NEXT MOVE: ANKARA SPECULATION

MAIN TOPIC OF CONVERSATION IN ANKARA IS WHERE THE GERMANS WILL MOVE NEXT; MOST FAVOURED SPOT IS SYRIA.

Yalcin, in the newspaper "Yenisabah," declares the Germans will probably try to invade Egypt via Syria but adds that the hope they will try and get to Syria is their affair — "in any case they will not pass through Turkey, that we know definitely."

Other newspapers carry unconfirmed reports that German bombers have arrived at Mosul.

Many people in Ankara are of opinion that Hitler is trying to persuade Darlan to convince

highly trained and well-equipped Army, capable of offensive action, understanding and practising co-operation with the other Services and capable of carrying on to such lengths that our enemy's power will be broken, giving him no rest or respite until final victory is achieved.

The world had not yet seen what could be done by an air invasion on a large scale. "Where such an invasion had to be carried out on a country strongly defended both on the ground and in the air, with the fighting forces backed by a determined civilian population, extreme difficulties faced the invader.

Those difficulties were more than doubled when he was not in command of the sea.

Marshal Petain to allow German troops and planes to land in Syria, whence they would proceed to Iraq.

Another group point out that the Germans have at present 18 divisions in Moldavia, which is more than the number there before the invasion of the Balkans.

Threat To Stalin

They add the Germans are known to have concentrated large sea-going barges on the lower Danube.

This they regard to mean that Hitler either intends attacking Russia or else will use the threat of invasion to secure concessions from Stalin.

The Turkish Government is regarding the situation coolly and continues to take the defence measures for which the National Assembly voted an extra credit of 13,500,000 Turkish pounds. — Reuter.

Shuttlecock Operations In Desert: British Mechanised Troops In Action

OPERATIONS IN THE Western Desert continue to be of a shuttlecock nature, and after Monday's German thrust the British forces have taken the initiative by pressing home with mechanised forces in the Sollum area and also harassing the enemy columns surrounding Tobruk.

Military circles in Cairo consider the German thrust was planned temporarily to throw out of gear the effectiveness of the ever-increasing British armoured patrols.

The temperatures have again shot upward in North Africa and with a continued blazing sun widespread operations become difficult. Military circles are confident, however, that whatever tactics the enemy chooses, these will be countered by equally vigorous assaults by the British Imperial forces.

Reuter's special correspondent with a mobile patrol in the Western Desert says that not only are the Germans being held on the whole of the 50-mile front, some 40 miles inside the Egyptian border, but reconnaissance planes reported yesterday morning that one or two of the five columns appear to be withdrawing.

This may mean they have had to abandon the intention of thrusting along the coast simultaneously with an attempt to cut off the Allied forces by a southward sweep across the desert. At the moment it is still not clear whether this attack is a full-scale effort or only a big raid intended to test the strength of the Allied force and positions.

Hesitant Standstill

Soon after pushing forward at sunrise on Monday the Germans met Allied advanced defence screens and artillery which held the clouds of swirling dust which marked the positions of the advancing German eight-wheeled armoured cars and tanks. This brought them to a hesitant standstill.

While they were trying unsuccessfully to feel a way through the Allied positions, fighter planes suddenly swooped down on them from the sun, sending them scurrying in all directions.

First Action

Plane after plane swept low through the dust clouds all through the day until darkness over the desert swallowed armoured cars and tanks. In these operations South African Air Force units were in action for the first time in the Western Desert. They had arrived from Eritrea. — Reuter.

Limited Offensive

A limited offensive operation from Tobruk and the withdrawal of the enemy to his original position in the Sollum area, were announced in a G.H.Q. communique in Cairo yesterday. The communique says: Tobruk—during a limited offensive operation carried out by our troops from Tobruk two German medium tanks were captured and many casualties inflicted on the enemy. In the Sollum area the enemy has again withdrawn to his original position south and west of Sollum, where he is being continuously harassed by our mechanised patrols.

In Abyssinia

In Abyssinia, despite road obstruction and other physical difficulties our two forces converging on Amba Alagi are making satisfactory progress. In the lakes area south of Addis Ababa a further success has been gained by the capture of a strongly defended enemy position. Prisoners taken number 500 with two batteries of artillery, five light tanks and one anti-tank gun.

Our troops have also occupied Abi, an important post north of Yavello, while on the Neghelli-Dalle road the pursuit of the enemy is continuing.

IN AN ACTION ON MONDAY WITH THE ENEMY REAR-GUARD, WHICH WAS DRIVEN BACK WITH HEAVY LOSSES, OUR TROOPS CAPTURED OVER 100 PRISONERS.

In Iraq the situation is quiet. Reuter.

Hess Again!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Authoritative circles in Cairo believe that Rudolf Hess might reveal information regarding Axis troop dispositions in the Western Desert.

The theory is supported by the fact that the German five-pronged attack in the desert was launched without aircraft, an extraordinary departure from traditional Nazi ground and air blitz tactics, and without supply columns. International News Service.

ATTACK IN LINE ABREAST

Aircraft of the Bomber Command struck a sharp blow at Heligoland in full daylight when they attacked in line abreast at 150 feet, states the Air Ministry news service.

Before the defences could open up the pilots had seen their targets and were bearing down upon them.

Covering the fortified area of the island the aircraft dropped sticks of high explosive bombs. Columns of smoke mixed with dust and debris of shattered buildings rose immediately and spread over the ground to obscure the cliffs.

The pilot who led the attack said: "It was a perfect theoretical raid carried out in practice. We came in at exactly the right spot after more than two hours' flying."

"Below us we saw the targets as we had seen them on photographs in the briefing room."

During the attack the front and rear gunners poured bullets into the streets and naval barracks.

A German flying boat which appeared above the British aircraft was also machine-gunned. British Wireless.

Raschid Ali In Isolation

Reports from Iraq show that not a single tribal chief is among persons who have sent telegrams of congratulation to Raschid Ali in connection with his anti-British movement.

Only prominent Iraqi personality who has expressed sympathy with the movement is Na Suwaidi, brother of the ex-Foreign Minister, Tewfik Suwaidi. All others abstained.

Raschid Ali's closest supporters appear to have been drawn from a little known clique of malcontents and intriguers.

It is recalled that Raschid Ali himself spent a year in confinement in 1936 and afterwards went to Berlin for medical treatment. Reuter.

NAZIS FEAR DAMAGING HESS REVELATIONS

THE LETTER LEFT behind in Germany by Rudolf Hess contains no sign that the Nazi Deputy Fuehrer deserted in consequence of hallucinations; according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" yesterday this was officially stated in Berlin.

The statement, the correspondent adds, warns the public against drawing conclusions from statements by Hess from England which Britain will use for propaganda purposes and which already have been branded as "obtained under duress."

Meanwhile officers of the Special Branch of Scotland Yard throughout yesterday were checking all callers at the hospital where Hess is detained. A military guard has also been posted at the gates and only authorised persons are being allowed to pass.

A horde of newsreel men yesterday descended upon MacLean, the Scottish ploughman who captured Hess, and begged him to re-enact his part in the affair.

MacLean declared: "I'm not wanting to be a film star—I've no time to go to the pictures." When the newsreel men said they would come back later, MacLean replied "It will need to be later. A ploughman's work is never done."

More Trouble

In response to their entreaties he said: "You can take me while I'm ploughing," so the cameramen staggered over the rough ploughed field and MacLean, greatly amused, said to his horse: "You can think a lot more of yourself to-day, Silver."

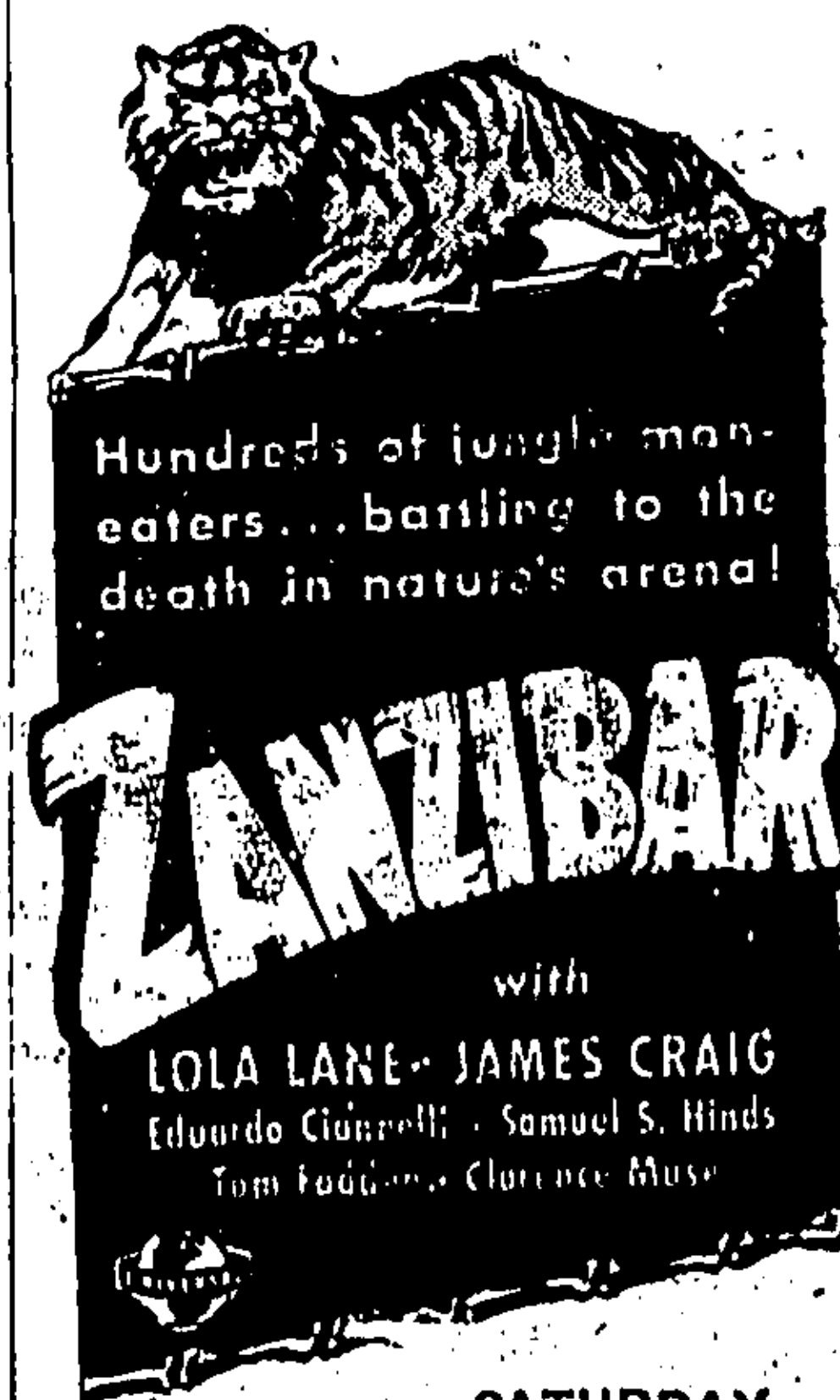


In order to overcome the perils of Nazi fire bombs every able bodied man between 16 and 60 not already engaged on civil defence, is now liable to immediate call-up in the new fire-fight-inn service. For the first time in British history civilians will be conscripted to give up to 48 hours a month guarding office, factory or home. Photo shows a voluntary fire watcher equipped for action on the roof of a London building. (Copyright, Fox).

PEIPING BOYCOTT

Questioned in the Commons by Mr. L. C. Hannah (Cons) on what action he had taken with reference to the declaration by the chairman of the Peiping People's Anti-British Association, that no leniency should be shown anybody openly selling British goods, the Foreign Secretary said he had called for a report and would then consider what action may be appropriate.—Reuter.

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REFUGEES FROM BALKANS IN INDIA

The Government of the United Provinces (says Reuter from Nainital) is arranging for accommodation in Nainital for about 60 refugees from the Balkans who recently arrived in India.

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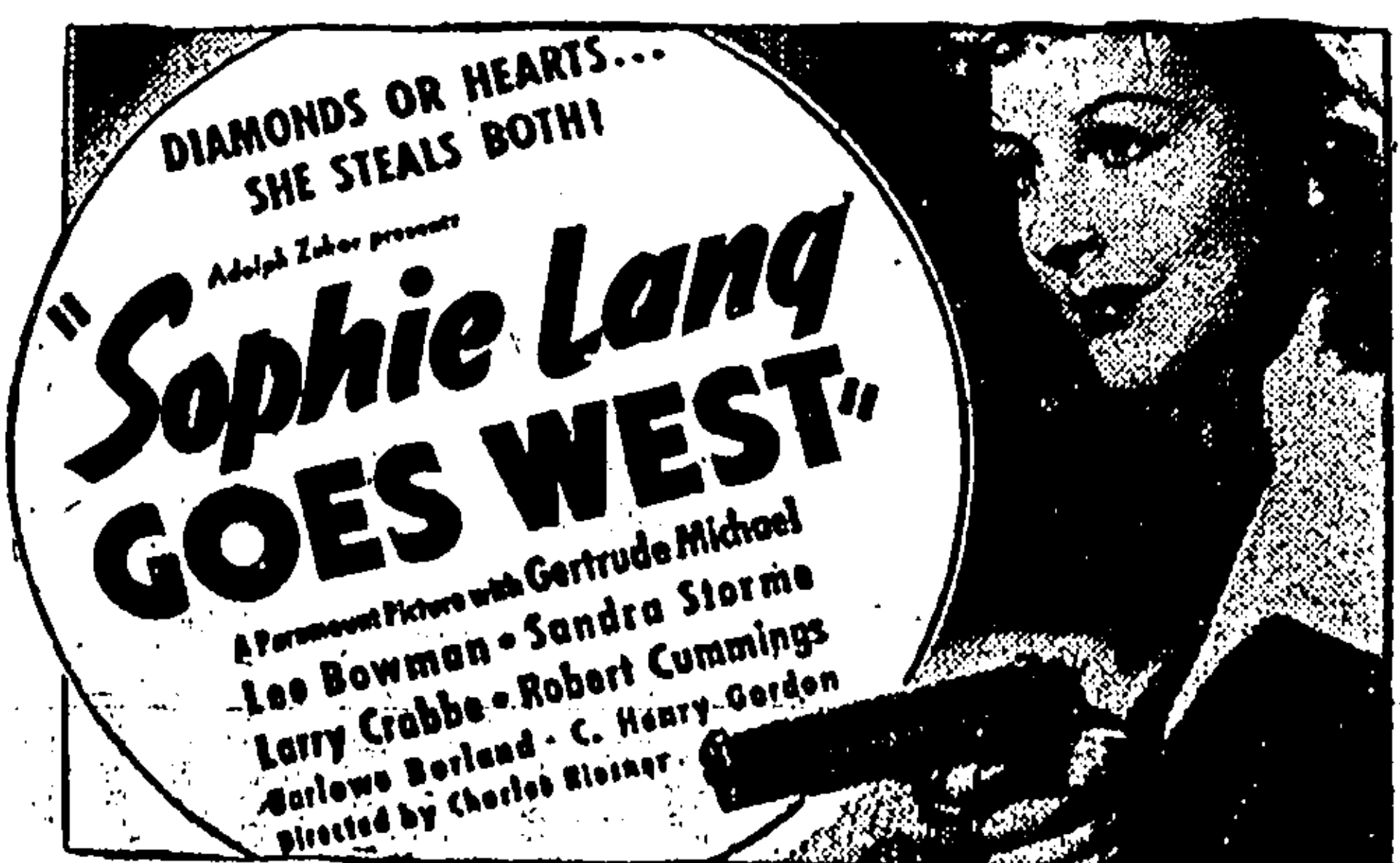
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BATTLE OF ATLANTIC: WE SHALL SEE IT THROUGH

"WE SHALL SEE IT THROUGH," DECLARED MR. L. S. AMERY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA, SPEAKING AT COVENTRY LAST EVENING AND REFERRING TO THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC.

After recalling how the first air Battle of Britain last autumn "put an end to all Hitler's dreams of walking into and over our unarmed England," Mr. Amery said: "A second air and submarine battle, covering both Britain and its Atlantic approaches, is in progress. It calls for all our energy and skill to meet it."

"We shall see it through and however long it continues Hitler will be no nearer the goal of his ambition here than he was when he gave up the first Battle of Britain six months ago."

Alluding to the Balkans, Mr. Amery said: "The strain thrown upon Germany in the wholly unexpected campaign in the Balkans may well have thrown out of gear the whole of Hitler's plans for a victorious march across Turkey."

"ITS EFFECTS UPON GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS AND SOURCES OF SUPPLY MAY INDEED BE FELT FULLY IN THE COURSE OF THE COMING MONTHS"

Iraq Affair

Dealing with Iraq, Mr. Amery said: "A highly dangerous situation had been developing. We had forced Raschid Ali and his clique to show their hand in a vain hope that German help could reach them in time."

We had lanced a dangerous boil just as it came to a head.

"In the action we have taken we have entertained no designs against Iraq's independence for which we are a country — and, I might add, I myself when formerly in office — have done everything in our power."

"We ask for no more than fulfilment of those obligations of an alliance which Iraq accepted freely as the only effective guarantee of her own security."

— Reuters

True Perspective

Mr. Amery said that to judge the actual war situation it was necessary to see it in true perspective.

He continued: "A year ago the German army and air force were sweeping irresistibly across Holland and Belgium."

"Within a few weeks the splendid army of France, mainstay of European freedom on land, was shattered like a pane of glass into helpless fragments and France herself, dazed and bewildered, allowed herself to be handed over, bound and gagged, to a merciless conqueror."

Command Of Channel

"Here we had a handful of trained soldiers, salvaged miraculously at the sacrifice of all their equipment, and a larger force of men both untrained and unequipped for modern war."

"Nothing was wanted to assure for Hitler that triumphant entry into London whose date he had already fixed but a few days' command of the air over the Channel and Southern England, and for that he looked confidently to his overwhelming air force."

"While the heart of the Empire was aware of the immediate deadly peril, General Wavell at its main gateway in the Middle East, was facing Italian forces three or four times stronger than his own on each side of him."

In the Mediterranean General Wavell's brilliant campaigns not only annihilated both Italian armies that had been so laboriously assembled for his destruction but actually enabled him to do what none could have dreamt of last autumn, despatch a substantial force to support the Greeks in their heroic and most amazing stand against overwhelming force.

Crete

"Together with our unconquerable Greek allies we hold Crete with its immensely important strategical position."

"What is far more important than these purely material gains is the proof we have given to the world that we know how to stand by our friends."

Emphasising that this is total war, not only in the sense that all share its dangers but that all must be in to the last ounce of energy, Mr. Amery added, "It is a matter in which every individual has his own personal duty to fulfil."

It is also a matter in which it is for all who naturally or officially are looked to for leadership to give a clear lead whether they be employers or Trade Union leaders, Members of Parliament or Ministers of the crown.

"No existing vested interests or habits or usages must be allowed to stand in the way of the fullest utilisation of all the energies of the nation. All tracks must be cleared for the War Express Unlimited." — British Wireless.

S. COAST TOWNS FILLING

Residents Defy Invasion Threat

There is a noticeable difference between the people of the "invasion" coasts of Britain now and last September. Last autumn people were leaving the south and south-east coasts in their hundreds, and even thousands, through fear of invasion. Now there are indications that the populations of many seaside towns are increasing. Invasion no longer frightens them.

Six months ago so great was the exodus from some towns that many business people who were left behind were faced with ruin.

Now, however, the "nerve" part of Hitler's invasion plan has failed. There are few on the coast who are not expecting an invasion, but the prospect no longer seems to hold any fear for them.

Even families who fled from the coast last autumn now prefer to return and face the music. Not only that, but people who normally lived in areas far removed from the coast are taking up residence in coast towns.

An official of Worthing Corporation said: "It is difficult to give any actual figures, but it is remarkable that Worthing's population at the moment is definitely increasing. New residents are now coming. I think most people are expecting an invasion, but no one seems to care."

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AXIS AT WORK IN BANGKOK

Japanese, Italians and Germans, without any obvious legitimate business but calling themselves "business men," are arriving in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand (Siam), in increasing numbers according to a traveller arrived recently in Singapore.

The Japanese predominate in the influx, he said, and many of them are opening unstocked shops to justify their presence.

Non-Axis ships operating in waters in the vicinity of Bangkok, frequently have reported sighting floating mines of undetermined origin, the traveller continued, but the mines were mostly types predating the present war.

Thailand, which is in a similar position to Yugoslavia before the reorientation of the latter's foreign policy which resulted in the German invasion, apparently is determined to play ball with Japan and the other members of the Axis, regardless of the consequence to her independence.

An anti-aircraft unit of an Indian regiment went through extensive target practice in Singapore recently with the aid of a radio-controlled plane, which constituted the first intimation to the public that such craft was included in the air force stationed here. To-day's target practice was symptomatic of the concentration in Singapore on defence training for any eventuality.

INDIAN CAPTURE OF POSITIONS AT AMBA ALAGI

HOW INDIAN TROOPS at dawn on May 10 successfully attacked and captured further heights east of the enemy positions at Amba Alagi, in Abyssinia, is told in a vivid account received in Simla yesterday from an Indian Army eye-witness.

The first two hills were taken without much resistance but after the capture of the third hill a heavy counter-attack was launched, and our positions were fiercely bombarded by light mountain artillery and mortars.

The Indians' experience of warfare on the North-West Frontier stood them in good stead and they held their ground.

The country is extraordinarily difficult and remarkable work was done by Indian soldiers in mule columns.

One outstanding exploit among many was a bayonet charge led by an Indian officer. An enemy machine-gun post singled him out but he miraculously escaped the stream of bullets and silenced the post. Another instance was during a

desperate enemy counter-attack, when a spy stood right out in the open hurling hand-grenades into the advancing Italians.

Continuous thunderstorms, and heavy rains have failed entirely to damp our men's spirits and a stream of prisoners, including many officers, is being evacuated to the rear. — Reuter.

LIGHTS TRACED BY COMPASS

SPECIAL OBSERVER SECTIONS TO DETECT PREMISES FROM WHICH LIGHT SHOWS DURING THE BLACK-OUT HAVE BEEN FORMED BY A NUMBER OF PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCES.

Members, who are posted in huts at vantage points about the towns are equipped with powerful night glasses, maps and compasses.

When a light is seen a compass bearing is taken and police headquarters are notified by telephone of the location of the premises concerned.

Several offenders have already been convicted as a result of the activities of the observers.

BRITISH WOMAN IN DEATH CELL PROMISE

The Australian Red Cross announced that it had been advised that Miss Winifred Harle, Australian woman under sentence of death in occupied France, was being kept in a comfortable cell and that the Germans had promised that the sentence would not be carried out precipitately, says Associated Press.

It was stated last November that the American authorities in Paris had persuaded the Germans to reconsider the case of Miss Harle, who was sentenced on charges of disseminating British speeches and news in occupied France.

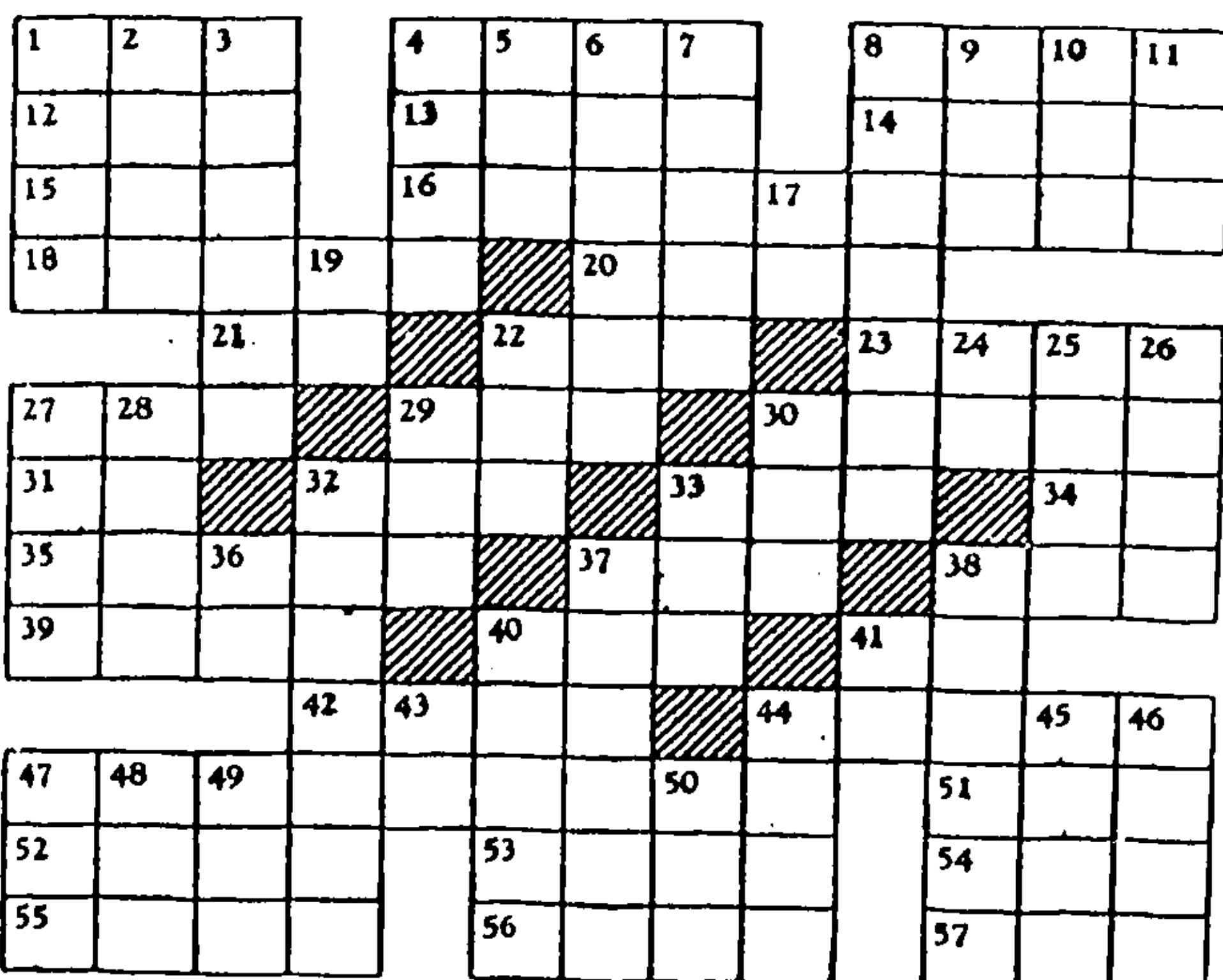
Miss Florence Frickard was reported to have been sentenced to death on similar charges.

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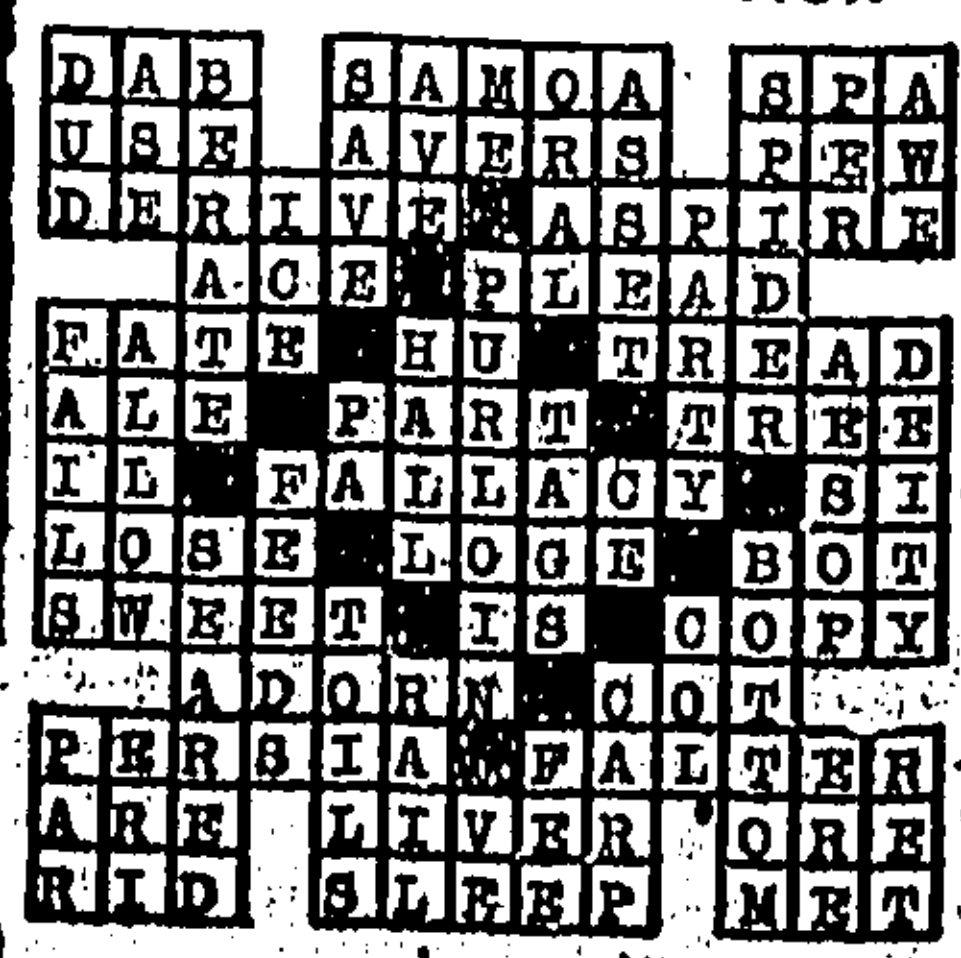
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- 25 To give off
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- 29 To triumph
- 30 Acquired
- 32 Game of skill
- 33 Lettuce genus
- 36 Earth goddess
- 37 To trick
- 38 To struggle
- 41 Butterfly
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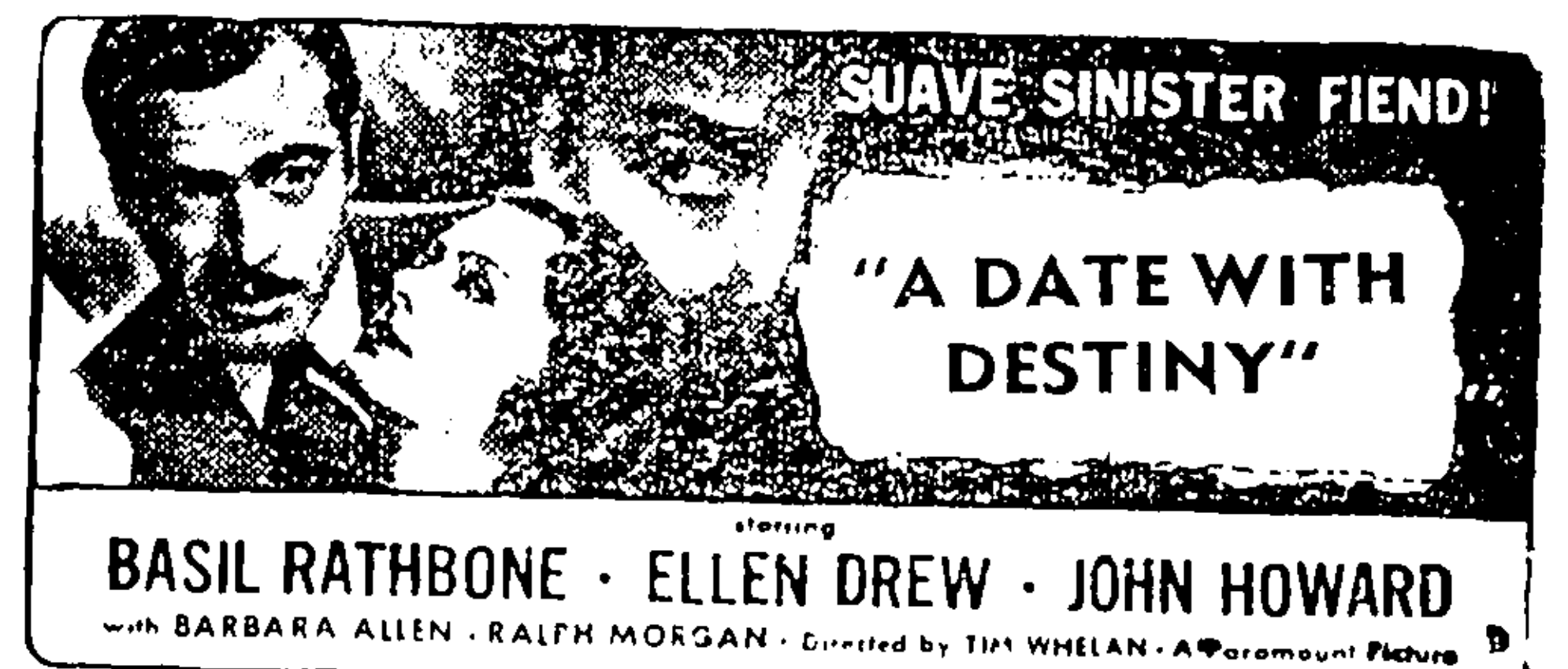
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LANDGRABBERS TRY TO MAKE FORTUNES

LAND SPECULATORS, who are buying up bombed sites in London and other places in the hope of making large profits out of them through increased values after the war, may be named in the House of Commons by M.P.s who are to raise the question.

A group of members of different parties are paying close attention to the activities of these speculators — who are naturally working in secrecy, their deals carried out by estate agents.

The M.P.s hope to have legislation introduced to prevent them making money out of the present misfortunes of the country and the big post-war redevelopment schemes that will have to be carried out.

It has been proved that these bombed-site grabbers got to work almost as soon as the blitz started, and more and more people are joining in the scramble.

Some are members of trusts with considerable capital behind them; other are small groups of friends and business colleagues with more limited resources.

Ransom Price

Their object is the same — to make, or rather to take, profits out of land which has now lost its value because the buildings on it have been demolished, but which, through post-war improvements, is bound to soar in value.

City of London sites are among their chief aims, not only because there are so many of them, but because there is greater opportunity of making money out of them.

A man who buys even a small site now may find when peace planning comes that it is the key to the redevelopment of a larger area or a street widening scheme and he can demand a ransom price.

An M.P. told the "Sunday Express":

"I don't know that anything can be done to stop it now, but after the war it should be possible to pass a Bill enacting that where the authorities require a site as part of a rebuilding and improvement plan they can buy it for the price given by the speculators, plus reasonable interest."

Millions Waiting

Many people are investing their money in land since the war has closed or made uncertain so many normal channels of investment.

Millions of pounds are awaiting investment in land, several trusts having seven-figure sums available.

One of them advertised a few days ago that it had a million pounds to invest in country estates and farms.

A representative of Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley, the estate agents, said, "Insurance companies, trusts, colleges, and other investors are all putting into land money which ordinarily would go into gilt-edged and trust securities."

"Their aim is not so much to make a big income out of it, but to maintain its capital value. Gilt-edged may break, but land will always hold its value in the long run. Agricultural properties are generally good for a return of from 3 to 3½ per cent."

"We estimate the general increase in value of land since the war at between 25 and 30 per cent."

WROTE BATTLE SONG

The man who wrote "Waltzing Matilda," the poem set to music which has become the battle song of the Australian forces, has died in Sydney aged seventy-six. He was A. B. (Banjo) Paterson, Australia's best known poet.

"Waltzing Matilda" was the song the Australian soldiers sang as they marched into Bardia and Benghazi.

STRANGE MALADY

Allergy, a newcomer to the dictionary and to medical science, is really a new name for a malady as old as the hills. In greater or lesser degree, almost everybody is an allergic, the symptoms ranging all the way from a mild dislike for cats, down to a violent convulsion induced by the presence of flaxseed.

For many years doctors were mystified as to the reasons why a variety of apparently harmless things like camel hair, pollen, corn starch, chicken feathers, cosmetics, and cats were capable of producing alarming reactions in certain people.

The asthmatic who was seized with a sudden distressing spasm if a cat walked into the room was a familiar phenomenon. He was also a true allergic.

The strange malady opened up a big field of investigation for medical researchers, and to-day the affliction is the subject of specialisation by many medicos in all countries. A high-ranking specialist in America, Dr. Warner T. Vaughan, has just published the results of his lifetime study of allergy. He reveals some astonishing facts.

Strange was the case of a child seized with a spasm while eating a breakfast cereal. Her lips and tongue began to swell; within a few minutes she was almost suffocating. An injection of adrenalin quickly restored her. Cause of the alarming attack was flaxseed in the cereal.

Doctors Puzzled

Puzzled were the doctors over the case of a woman who broke out in a rash as soon as she went to bed. Investigation proved she was allergic to corn, and corn starch was used in laundering her bedlinen. Sleeping in unstarched sheets, the patient's troubles disappeared.

Conditions induced by things to which people are allergic include sick headaches, hay fever, asthma, diarrhoea, stomach-ache, oedema (swelling), and nettle-rash.

Treatment in some cases is successful by injection of large doses of protein extracts from the offending subjects, but best of all is prevention by avoiding the known things one is allergic to.

Frequently there is a spontaneous disappearance of the symptoms, but so far no specific medical cure has emerged.

UNUSUAL FARE

NAPOLÉON'S AXIOM THAT AN ARMY TRAVELS ON ITS STOMACH WAS ILLUSTRATED IN A NEW WAY BY A SOLDIER EN ROUTE FROM LONDON TO MANCHESTER. TELLING A TICKET COLLECTOR ON THE TRAIN THAT HE HAD MISTAKENLY SWALLOWED THE RETURN HALF OF HIS TICKET.

Refusing at first to swallow the story, the ticket collector was finally convinced by the soldier's offer either to be X-rayed on arrival at Manchester or there and then to drink a stiff glass of salt and water and make himself sick. Neither the X-ray nor the suggested "return of the swallow" was however, accepted, and the soldier was then allowed to digest his unusual fare without being asked for more fare.

PREMIER'S DAUGHTER BETROTHED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The engagement of **Mary Churchill**, daughter of the Prime Minister, to the 28-year-old Earl of **Dun-cannon**, is expected to be announced in London. — International News Service.

PAYMENTS TO LAW BREAKERS

**Fined, But Given
Money**

Money-making by breaking the black-out law may become a popular practice in Belfast if the present comedy at the police court continues. There have been so many cases that the magistrates have had difficulty in dealing with them owing to lack of accommodation.

In one week the resident magistrate, Mr. F. McCoy, adjourned 535 summonses, and in each case, by way of protest against the conditions at the court, granted 10s costs against the corporation, which is responsible for providing the premises.

Prolonged efforts to provide alternative accommodation have resulted in a deadlock.

735 Cases On List

In the meantime 400 new cases have come on the books and only 200 of the adjourned summonses have been dealt with, leaving a total now on the list of 735. Some were so trivial that the magistrate imposed only a 5s fine. The 10s costs against the corporation stood, with the result that policemen were ordered to hand over to several defendants 5s.

Most of the defendants were women, and they left the court in a state of bewilderment.

There are daily conferences on the part of the corporation's legal advisers as to the best steps to be taken to put an end to this situation.

UNITY AFTER WAR

Mr. W. J. Brown, general secretary of the Civil Service Clerical Association, broadcasting, said that any attempt to solve the problems of transition from war to peace on party lines would be fatal.

"Mr. Churchill, in his aside in the House of Commons a week or so ago," he said, "made it plain that he and the Government envisage this. He contemplates the continuance of National Government for a defined period after the war and a national approach to the problems of the transition period."

"There is, I think, ground for reasonable hope that, when this war ends, we shall not slip back into the old ways, and that the principle of economic security will find its place in the world which we are rebuilding when war is done."

"Peace, economic security, fellowship—it may be that only out of the crucible of such ordeals as we are now experiencing the golden metal of these things could come."

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NAZI THEORY

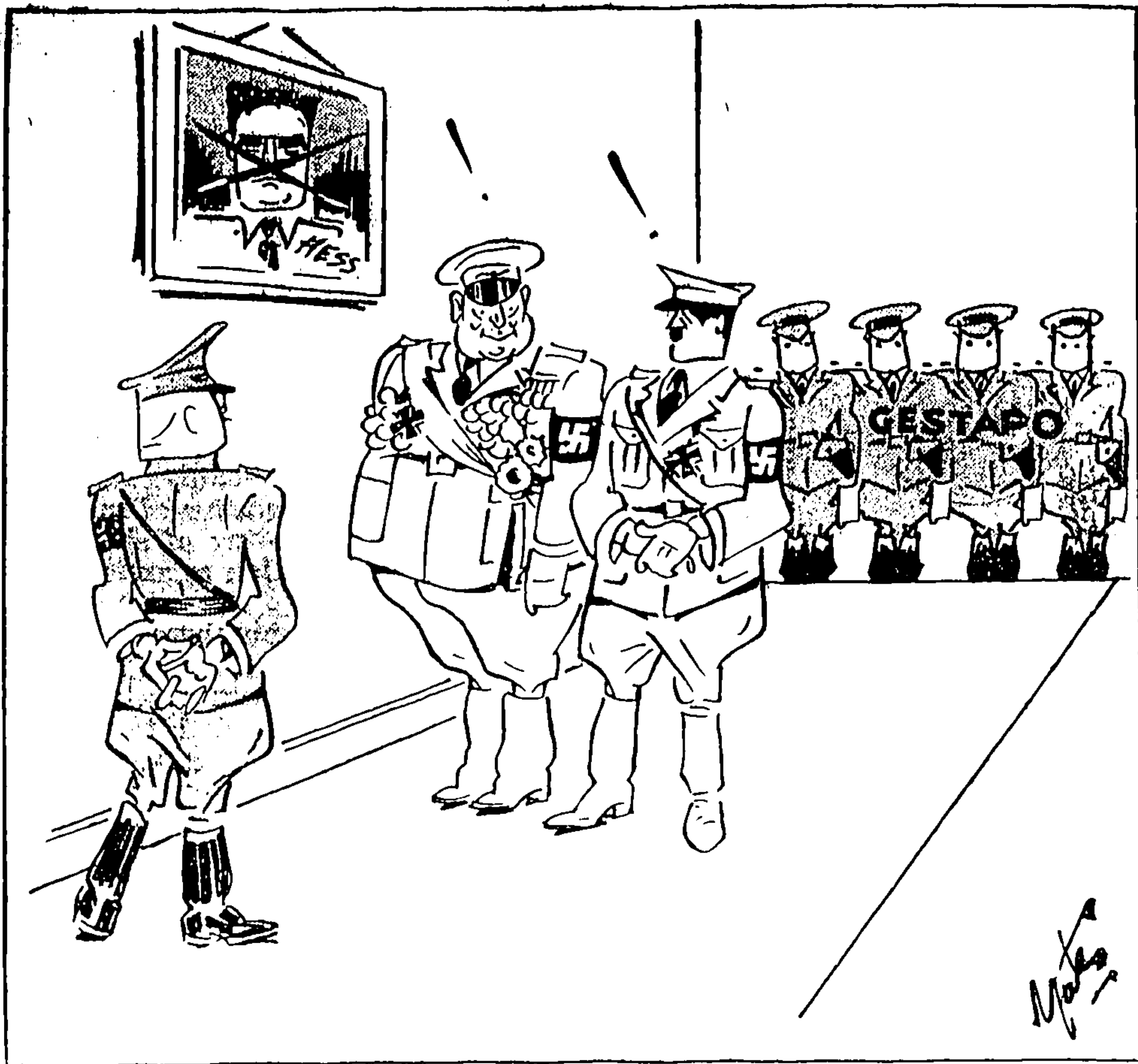
Hermann Rauschning, earlier example of a Hitler enthusiast who found he could not go on, has expressed a theory that Hitler does not really want to destroy the British Empire. For this he gives two reasons. Hitler is not ready to take over the world inheritance of Great Britain. Too sudden collapse might actually bring the greater immediate profit to certain rivals of the Nazi Reich, who have their homelands outside Europe.

In the second place, Hitler does not want to embark on the destruction of the British Empire because that obviously cannot be accomplished without some very heavy fighting; and in the course of such a struggle it may very well be that decadent and degenerate Britain may find her soul and her strength again. Better let the British Empire succumb to the inevitable process of decay which now has it in its grip than risk a Britain rejuvenated through war. Such is the Rauschning theory.

But if this was the original strategy with respect to Great Britain, it must surely be evident that now it is too late. The harm has been done. To any one reading the bulletins these last eight months from the skies over London, from the River Plate, from Coventry, from Glasgow, from Plymouth, from Libya, from East Africa, from Greece, from Taranto, from Liverpool, from Bristol, it must be plain that any process of decay has been pretty well arrested.

If it was Hitler's original idea to kill the British Empire with kindness, the opportunity disappeared after Dunkirk. Nazi philosophers gave the British Empire just one more generation before it succumbed to fatty decay of the heart. But another generation of British decline at the rate since Dunkirk might easily find the British invalid playing a good game of tennis on the Rhine.

Hitler's gloom over the rebirth of Great Britain in the fires of war may be accentuated by the thought that it actually leaves the British Commonwealth stronger than ever. That does not usually happen in the re-



HITLER: I WARN YOU, THIS MUST NOT AGAIN OCCUR, HERR HIMMLER.
HIMMLER: MY PERSONAL OBSERVATION ASSURES ME THAT ALREADY, MY DEAR FUHRER, ALL PRECAUTIONS TAKEN HAVE BEEN

Morale In London

By the Right Hon. J. C. Wedgwood, M.P.

Last war, when Jerry dropped a few bombs on the East End, men bolted blindly, women hid their faces, and children ran screaming. All cursed Government for not protecting them and the rich for escaping, and smashed the shops of German Jews. They felt that was expected of them, of all civilians. Danger and courage were then the exclusive perquisite of the armed forces.

This war, when the sky cracks and death hurtles down, all may be just as afraid, but they don't show it and try to joke about it. It is "bad form" to show fear. Public opinion is much stronger than any law.

If that miserable siren starts moaning when you are out shopping in the morning, everybody in the open is gripped in some degree by fear, although they

juvenation formulas known to science or legend. Usually the operation arrests decay for a term of years. If it leaves the patient only half as young or strong as he used to be, he is very well pleased.

In the present case it is obvious that Hitler's calculations started out with the British Empire, and he ends up facing the British Empire plus the United States. Hitler's advisers were afraid that a full-sized war would tone up the system of a competitor embracing, say, 30,000,000 English-speaking folk. Hitler's war has brought about a solid union of 200,000,000 English-speaking folk on both sides of the Atlantic. There is probably nothing like such a result in the annals of rejuvenation.

know there may be no Jerry within fifty miles and the odds against their being hit are demonstrably millions to one. Many may be inwardly terror-stricken; but see how hard they try not to look nervously up into the sky. Drivers may "step on the gas" a bit, because it doesn't show. The girls in uniform consciously walk on chatting, and other girls "don't like to do different." All do what is expected of them, show nothing; follow, or set, the approved example. That is as well, for fear is horribly infectious.

Why this change from twenty-five years ago?

This: This is a very united people. They know there is no way out. With all Europe behind him, Herr Hitler's "peace" could only give him time to hit again irresistibly by sea as well as air. To be fighting alone, deserted, in the last ditch, exalts one morally.

We are united also in intense appreciation and admiration, if not love, for the most remarkable Prime Minister, who will promise nothing save "toil and tears, blood and sweat," who invents only immortal phrases which shape our new lives.

"Grim and gay," says he, and the ruins around us take on a new aspect.

"We will fight on the landing grounds; we will fight in the streets," and straightway a million and a half men spring up, unpaid, to defend their homes.

"Never in the history of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few," and the thought of our boys in the air makes courage easy, and fear shameful.

"It just goes rolling along," says he, and we see a dawn of hope, of irresistible reunion, with "the New World," stepping forth to the rescue and liberation of the Old.

Hitler has united us. Churchill has inspired us. But close behind comes a Press and Parliament

which have played their part as never before—free, determined, eloquent, but critical of every abuse of power. They have shown that there is something to fight for, as well as against.

There is yet something else, largely unnoticed, which has steeled our nerves. I come back to the truism with which I started. People will behave as they are expected to. Praise a man for fine qualities and he will seek to deserve that praise.

The British and British courage have been praised as never before in my lifetime, probably as never before in history; not by ourselves, which would be easy and valueless, but by those afar who have had much to criticise in our past. I think of the Dutch welcoming our death-dealing planes over Amsterdam and praying for the safety of our pilots of liberation.

Above all I think of America. Few can have read without deep emotion the press extracts and letters from America about our land and our Londoners. Few here have ever heard of Dallas. Yet far away there in Texas, a leading newspaper has this poem, quoted for us by the "Daily Express":

Do ye ken John Bull; with his cloths so red?

Do ye ken John Bull, with his up-flung head?

Do ye ken John Bull; with no sign of dread,

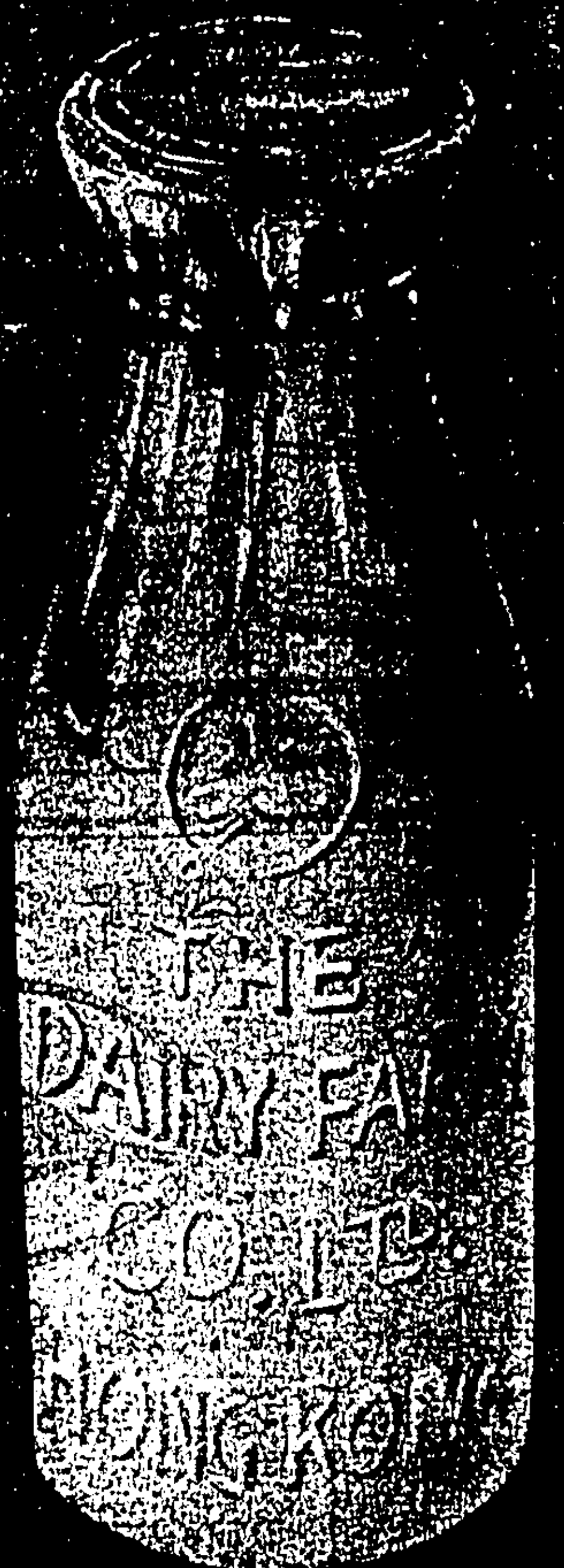
As he faces his fight in the morning?

And so on for many stanzas. If that adaptation had come from Calgary or Wagga-Wagga, or even from Aldershot, it would have been "jolly fine," and left a pleasing taste for the day. If it had come from Amsterdam or Athens, it would have been pathetic and inspiring. But from Dallas, in the Lone Star State, one gets a lump in the throat. It is good to have friends and relations who can appreciate it and us. We will see to it, that they never have cause to change their vision.

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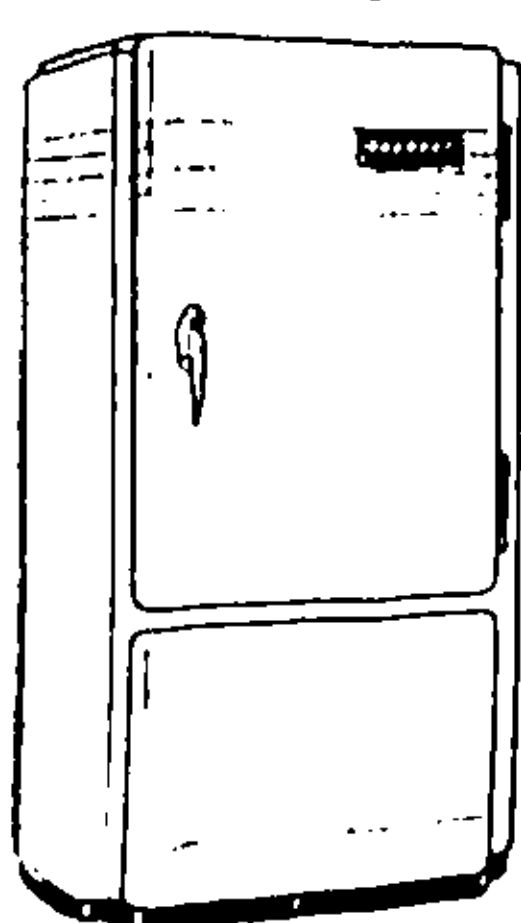
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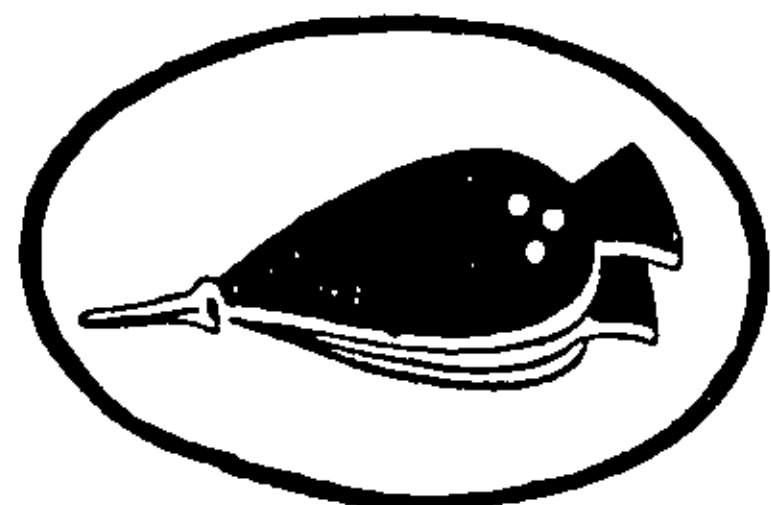


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WOMEN AND CHILDREN EVACUATED IN MIDST OF BATTLE

A VIVID STORY of how British women and children were evacuated from Habbaniyah to Basra amid the crash of bombs, the clatter of machine-guns and the intermittent bursting of shells, was told by members of the latest batch to arrive safely in Bombay yesterday.

Some of the party, which numbered 100 and was probably the last to leave Habbaniyah, had miraculous escapes when the planes in which they were being evacuated were subjected to "an unsuccessful baptism of fire" by Raschid Ali's men.

A high official of the British Colonial Office who has been in Iraq many years and who has arrived in India with his wife said all was quiet at Basra, where Murtaza (the Iraqi provincial governor) was carrying on the administration as usual.

There was neither tension nor excitement perceptible, indicating that the rising is limited to a minority fed and inspired by Axis propagandists.

Raschid Ali's men accused a safe conduct for British women and children from Baghdad to Habbaniyah, whence they were to be flown in R.A.F. machines to Basra, but when the first plane took off from the airport it was fired on.

The evacuation, however, was carried out without interruption and without loss.—Reuter.

TRYING TO FRIGHTEN AMERICANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GERMAN PROCLAMATION OF THE RED SEA AS A COMBAT ZONE, AFTER PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ACTION IN CLEARING THAT AREA FOR AMERICAN SHIPPING, IS VIEWED IN WASHINGTON AS INJECTION OF A GRAVE NEW NOTE INTO THE QUESTION OF SUPPLYING WAR AID TO BRITAIN.

Officials indicate, however, that Washington will probably ignore Berlin's action.

The German move is regarded as an obvious attempt to halt the shipment of American supplies for Britain's armies in the Middle East. — International News Service.

GUARDS MEET THEIR MATCH

On the South and South-Western "fronts" of London was waged the "Battle of the Guards."

It was Home Guards versus regular Guards.

Home Guards defended. The Guards attacked. Town halls, railway stations, bridges, and viaducts were the particular objectives.

The general objective was for the attackers—landed from parachutes in disguise—to penetrate the outskirts of London in this area, which comprised 15 boroughs.

NOT ONE DEFENCE AREA WAS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED.

Five umpires—all experienced Army officers—agreed that the Home Guards' machine-gun posts were "disposed with all the skill of trained regulars."

Their effectiveness against every form of invader was marvellously good.

Their staff work and cooperation by field phones, wireless, and signalling from private houses was "worthy of Aldershot."

"RED BIDDY" PERIL IN WEST END HAUNTS

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Red Biddy is being served in a number of the newer West End night haunts under the guise of Lisbon Wine, brandy and other more attractive names, as many young officers have found out to their cost.

The chief constituent of "Red Biddy" is methylated spirit, to which colouring matter is added. Poured from a fancy-shaped bottle with a foreign label, it retails at 45s. a bottle.

Thanks to the blitz-free nights, London's night life has returned recently to something like pre-war prosperity.

Although several of the more notorious clubs have been closed down, many others have sprung up in the side streets off Piccadilly Circus.

"Fun After Hours"

The most shabby doorway in a side alley frequently leads to a scene of gaiety.

Dancing starts at an early hour, and attractive girls are waiting to partner the newcomer.

After indulging themselves at public-houses, young Servicemen in search of "fun after hours" often allow themselves to be palmed off with Red Biddy.

It is usually represented as the last of a consignment of pre-war wine which "cannot be obtained again."

The effects of Red Biddy upset the average person for a week. A small quantity will produce sleepiness and headaches.

Complaints have been made to the Customs and Excise authorities and prosecutions are likely to result.

SWANSEA'S BOMB DAMAGE

It may now be stated that among the noted buildings destroyed in the three raids on Swansea were St. Mary's Church and the Grammar School, founded by Bishop Gore three centuries ago.

Many shops as well as the famous market, probably the largest in the country, were also destroyed. The General Hospital was damaged.

When a church was hit, there were many people sheltering in the vaults. They were all got away safely just when it looked as if their rescue was hopeless.

There were 100 people in another shelter when the building above was bombed. Fires were raging all around. Seeing their peril, an A.R.P. man dashed to a bus station, annexed a bus and drove it to the shelter. Then he persuaded the people to scramble into it and drove them safely outside the town.

THE STRAIGHT PATH WAS HIS UNDOING

"I am not drunk!" protested a motorist to Police-Surgeon Daniel in Denver, Colorado, cables John Walters from New York.

"Then walk along this line," ordered Daniel. The motorist walked beautifully, and kept on walking . . . right through a window.

Still protesting sobriety, the motorist was charged with intoxication.

SHE HAD THE LAST LAUGH

"Tug-boat Minnie," beautiful blonde Miss Wilma Baard, daughter of a bargee, became the wife in New York of the wealthy Spaniard, Count Nava de Tajo, cousin to the Duke of Alba.

Debutantes blushed when they heard the news of the wedding, for in 1938 Wilma, branding them as "dopes," was jokingly introduced into New York society—and outshined them.

This society Cinderella spent her childhood on her father's farm. After school her striking beauty won her a job as a fashion model. Wilma's father, found toiling on a barge at Hoboken, New Jersey, said:—

"My Wilma is a fine girl. She'll make a mighty good housekeeper and cook."

Many Proposals

When a genuine society debutante, Brenda Frazier, had an elaborate coming-out party, some society men, amused by the ballyhoo, planned a big skit on it.

They explained to Tug-boat Minnie that they wanted to do a "take-off" of Brenda's debut and begged her to play debutante.

The result was a glittering party where Tug-boat Minnie was introduced to scores of New York socialites.

After the party, instead of fading from society, Wilma became part of it.

She was deluged with marriage proposals. Brenda Frazier is still unwed.

WANTS FASCISTS REMOVED

Mr. J. C. Wedgwood (Soc. Newcastle-under-Lyne) wants persons who were British Fascists removed from important posts in the Services.

He is to ask the Home Secretary whether, in view of the danger of having in key positions those who were members of the British Union of Fascists at the outbreak of war, he will send their names to the heads of the various departments so that the risk to the State in case of invasion may be removed.

BOYS PLAYED FOOTBALL WITH A "LIVE" BOMB

THREE SMALL London boys came across an unexploded German bomb and trundled it around the streets in a push chair for their pals to see.

The boys, Stanley Green, aged ten, Norman Clark, aged nine, and John Green, aged seven, of Montague Crescent, Edmonton, were searching for wood on a bombed site, when they discovered the bomb in the wreckage of a chicken run.

Dragged into the street and on to the push chair by the boys, the bomb began its travels through streets crowded with shoppers.

For a quarter of a mile the boys pushed it bumping it up and down the kerbs, to their home, calling their friend together, as they went along to show off their find.

On reaching home, they tipped it carelessly on to a heap of debris in the back garden, then took it into the street again.

One of the boys wanted to play football with it, but no matter how hard they kicked it wouldn't bounce properly. Afterwards they went from house to house showing it to neighbours who told them to "go away and play" so they did.

Area Cleared

They were banging the bomb enthusiastically on the pavement when a Mr. Burgess, his suspicion suddenly aroused, came on the scene and carried it off to his back garden.

He called warden and police, and the area was evacuated until an Army disposal squad rushed along and removed the "play-thing".

Although the boys were "told off" for playing with the bomb, they all agree "There isn't nothing to those German things."

PRISONERS' PENGUINS STOPPED

GERMAN CENSORS HAVE PUT A COMPLETE BAN ON PENGUIN BOOKS FOR BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR.

The reasons are not altogether clear, though they seem to have to do with the anti-Hitler tone of some of the books. Such books would not, of course, be permitted to go to the prisoners, in any case, but advertisements of them appear in others of the series which are innocent of political meaning.

See by these advertisements, the Germans have apparently decided that it would be safe to stop the whole series. Thousands of the books are held up in Switzerland.

Mr. H. W. Ellis, sales manager to the publishers, said: "We learned of the ban from the British Red Cross Society. We have a permit to send books to prisoners. The books are made up into special parcels, which go first to the British censors. It is a pity this has happened, because many of the books go to our men, but there is nothing we can do about it."

"I understand that prisoners have written to relatives saying that copies of these books have been destroyed by the Germans."

TRIED TO FIND PARENTS

A plea that he had been trying to find his parents who were in the Channel Isles when the German invasion took place was made for Sapper P. C. Hammond, twenty-nine, who at a Chatham court-martial was charged with desertion.

It was stated that Hammond was given leave to go to the Channel Isles. The Army saw nothing more of him until he was arrested in January working near Southampton.

The decision of the Court will be announced.

NAZIS' ARMY OF SLAVES

A slave army of well over 1,000,000 foreign workers is now labouring in Germany to keep the industrial machine running.

An official German report states that the total of industrial workers alone is 670,000. The number of agricultural labourers, chiefly deported from Poland, is not disclosed, but it must be at least as great.

If prisoners-of-war working on farms and non-military production are added, the total of foreign labour probably exceeds 2,000,000.

Poland is the biggest recruiting field, though the total from that country is not stated. The method of recruiting in Poland is simply transportation at a few hours' notice.

In Denmark and Norway the fiction of free engagement is maintained. The unemployed are told jobs are waiting in Germany, and that if they do not accept them the dole will be stopped.

He Held Up Weak Shelter

"If I mention only one of the civil defence services to-night, namely the police, it is because many tributes have been paid already to the others. They have been in it everywhere all the time. -- Mr. Churchill in his broadcast."

TWENTY POLICE OFFICERS are among those honoured in the latest list of civil defence awards published in the "London Gazette." Seven receive the George Medal and thirteen the Medal of the Order of the British Empire. There are thirty-six George Medallists in the list, two of them women.

Among the seven police George Medallists are:

Police-Constable William Henry Allen, "G" Division, Metropolitan Police.—Such devastation was caused by a bomb that the rescue squad thought any people trapped must be dead. Police-Constable Allen was certain that he had heard a faint response to his shouts and he started to clear away the debris above the basement of a shop.

He crawled into a hole and found, beneath the wreckage, two elderly men and two young girls pinioned by debris. He saved them.

Saved Eight People

Sergeant Frederick Maurice Burgess, "J" Division, Metropolitan Police.—Reached and saved eight people trapped in a basement shelter and threatened by water rushing from a broken main.

Part of the shelter threatened to collapse at any moment, and the sergeant had to support it with his shoulders. When he was pulled to safety, the basement fell in.

War Reserve Police-Constable Alfred John Volzoy, "F" Division, Metropolitan Police.—Smallest of three War Reserve policemen, he entered the only opening in the debris of two demolished houses which buried many people who

REVENGE

When young James Newman left the orphanage at Terre Haute, Indiana, U.S., twelve years ago he vowed that one day he would be revenged on those who had made him unhappy there.

Now, masked, he has held up the orphanage staff and asked for his old principal. Told the man had long retired, the bandit took the staff's money.

When captured he said: "I meant to kill that principal."

THE MAN ALONE

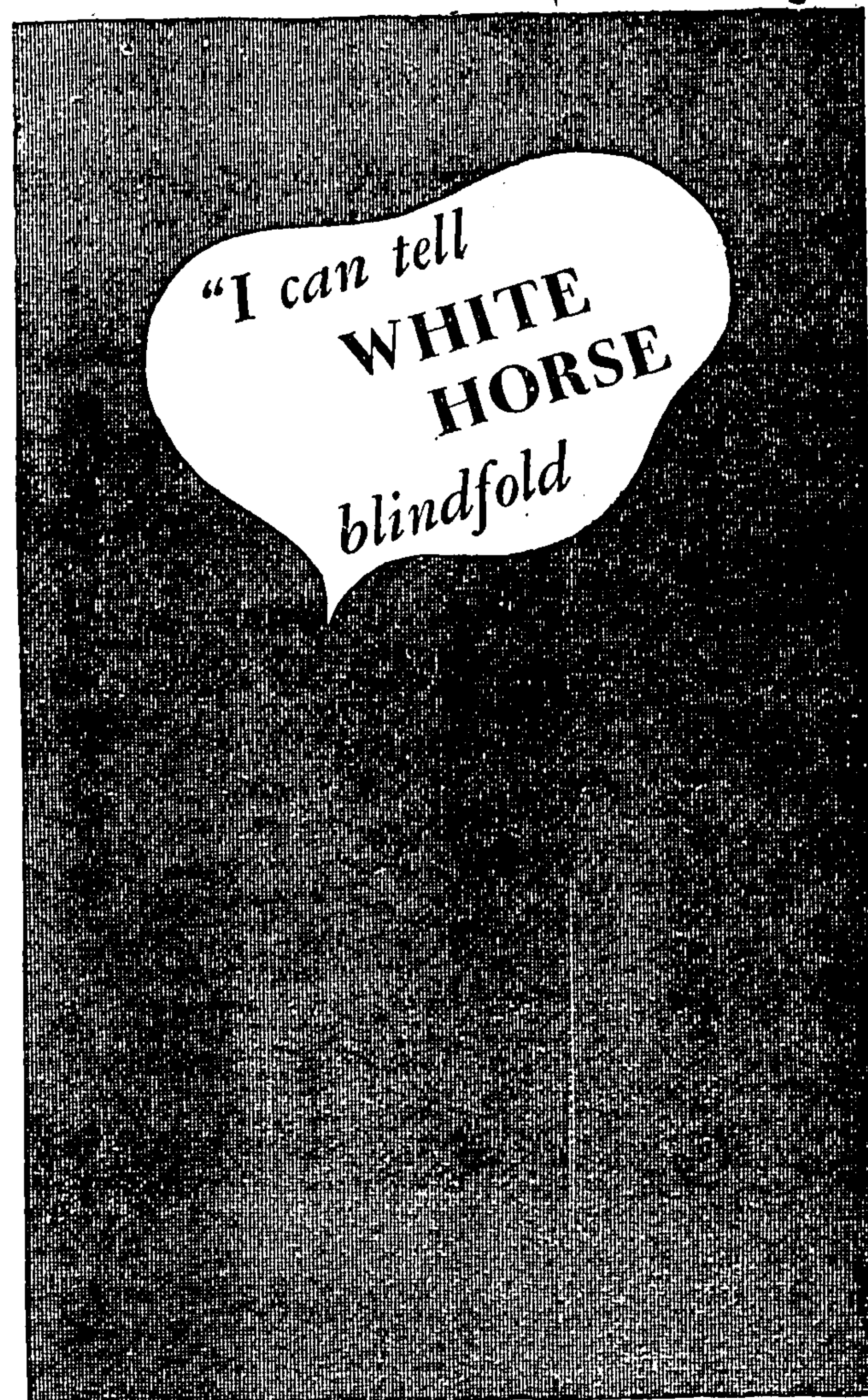
For nearly seventy years John Clarke had been alone. He carried himself proudly, though he had no relatives, no friends.

He had no ambition to live when he fell ill, but doctors and nurses fought to save his life when he was taken to a Swansea hospital. John's recovery brought him into a new world, a world in which people spoke to him, where he found friendship and generosity.

His health improved so much that he started helping in the hospital kitchen. He became a favourite there.

John has just died cheerful to the last. Six companions who are patients were with him. One told the "Daily Mirror."

"John found more happiness in his last days than he had ever had. When he got better he did not want to return to civilian life—he was afraid he would find himself alone."



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Frederick James Skelton, company officer, London A.F.S.—He was badly burned trying to rescue two trapped firemen when a fire station was hit and set on fire.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Inland Lot No. 6155	Tsai Tse Mui Road, South of Inland Lot Nos. 3836 and 3099, North Point	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 5,500	\$110	\$5,500
							As per sale plan		

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$900.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Rural Building Lot No. 443	Repulse Bay Road	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 20,000	\$250	\$4,000
							As per sale plan		

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$400.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.



The man who thinks he knows all the answers never is an incentive to lively conversation.

GLAMOUR GIRL IS DOOMED

War will finish the glamour girl, says Captain F. R. K. Whitaker, an Army chaplain. It will make her out of date.

He told a congregation of troops at a northern camp: "For years womanhood has been symbolised, falsely, in my opinion, by 100 per cent. sex appeal and glamour. "This war will inevitably purge the publicity value of sex appeal and ballyhoo with which for so long we have identified our womenfolk.

"This is a war in which women are taking a vital and active part, and they will not sacrifice their ideals—and their ideals are as much at stake as ours—by returning to a way of life which is out of date, pre-war and entirely fictitious."

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Garden Lot No. 120	Pokfulam Road, between Rural Building Lots Nos. 422 & 440	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 3,420	\$3	\$171
							As per sale plan		

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$17.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

BRIDGE NOTES

GETTING WHAT YOU CAN

By The Four Aces

When excellent bidding by the opponents has robbed you of a slam, there is still the consolation of rolling up as large a penalty as possible:

West, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠	K Q 6 2	♠	4
♥	5 3	♥	K Q 10
♦	A Q J 7 6	♦	9 8 4
♣	6 5	♣	3 2

♠ A 5
♥ A J 6 2
♦ 8
♣ A K Q 8

♠ 4
♥ K Q 10
♦ 9 8 4
♣ 10 9 4 3

♠ J 10 9 8 7 3
♥ 7
♦ K 10 9 5 4
♣ J

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♣	1♦	1♥	1♠
4♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
6♥	Pass	Pass	6♠
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

East and West could have made six hearts with the greatest of ease, but were helpless to bid any more when South properly sacrificed at six spades. A penalty double was all that was left to them.

West opened the King of clubs, and stopped short when South's Jack appeared. After a little thought, he shifted to his singleton diamond.

South won and led the ten of spades, hoping that West would make the mistake of holding up his trump Ace. But the attempt was futile, for West put up the spade Ace at once and then led a low heart!

East won with the Queen of hearts and had no trouble in understanding the meaning of his partner's plays. The diamond shift and the under lead of the heart Ace made it clear that West had started with a singleton diamond. So East returned his diamond for West to ruff, and the defence thus netted 500 points. Not as much as the slam, of course, but the best they could get against such determined opposition.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, neither side vulnerable, you held:

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maker	Schenken
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠

ANSWER: Bid one diamond. The hand is too strong for one no-trump, not strong enough for two no-trump, and requires no "fancy" opening bid.

Score 100% for one diamond, 80% for one club, 40% for two no-trump, 20% for one no-trump.

Question No. 716

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby	You	Maker	Schenken
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SHOT DOWN 4 NAZIS—D.F.C.

For gallantry in flying operations against the enemy, Acting Flight Lieutenant Richard Macklow Trousdale, aged twenty, of No. 235 Squadron, has been awarded the D.F.C. He has destroyed at least four enemy aircraft, including one at night, and has been continuously employed as a fighter pilot since the early months of the war.

USED 'DOCKERS' LANGUAGE

Cruelty Decree Against Major

An officer against whom a decree of divorce was granted in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, on the ground of cruelty, was stated to have used "dockers' language" to his wife and to have tried to throw her out of a window.

The husband, Major Duncan Grant MacGillivray, defended the suit brought by his wife, Mrs. Muriel Spencer MacGillivray, of The White House, Cardross, Dumbartonshire.

Lord Patrick, giving judgment in favour of Mrs. MacGillivray, with custody of the only child, said of the husband: "His lack of respect and consideration for her, and his temper, afford no reasonable certainty that if she lived with him, she would be safe from his violence."

Mrs. MacGillivray separated from her husband in June, 1938. Major MacGillivray, Lord Patrick said, was then inebriated, and she had him arrested for £300 a year until some time in 1939, when he obtained employment under the Ministry of Supply.

"Both are persons of cultured up-bringing and substantial station in life, from whom some refinement is to be expected," continued Lord Patrick. "His admitted use of coarse language to her, which he said he had become accustomed to use in his business about the docks in Glasgow, might have been used by a docker, but was inexcusable when used by him to her."

The explanation of one particular epithet he applied to his wife was that it seemed to infuriate her more than anything else.

"In December, 1935," continued Lord Patrick, "he was convicted of being drunk in charge of a car and of culpable homicide. He was released from prison about May, 1936, and blamed his wife for his conviction because she had not been there, as was her practice, to drive him home on the occasion which led to his conviction."

"When she resented the imputation of blame she alleged that he tried to pick her up and throw her out of a window."

BROTHERS' TWIN WILLS

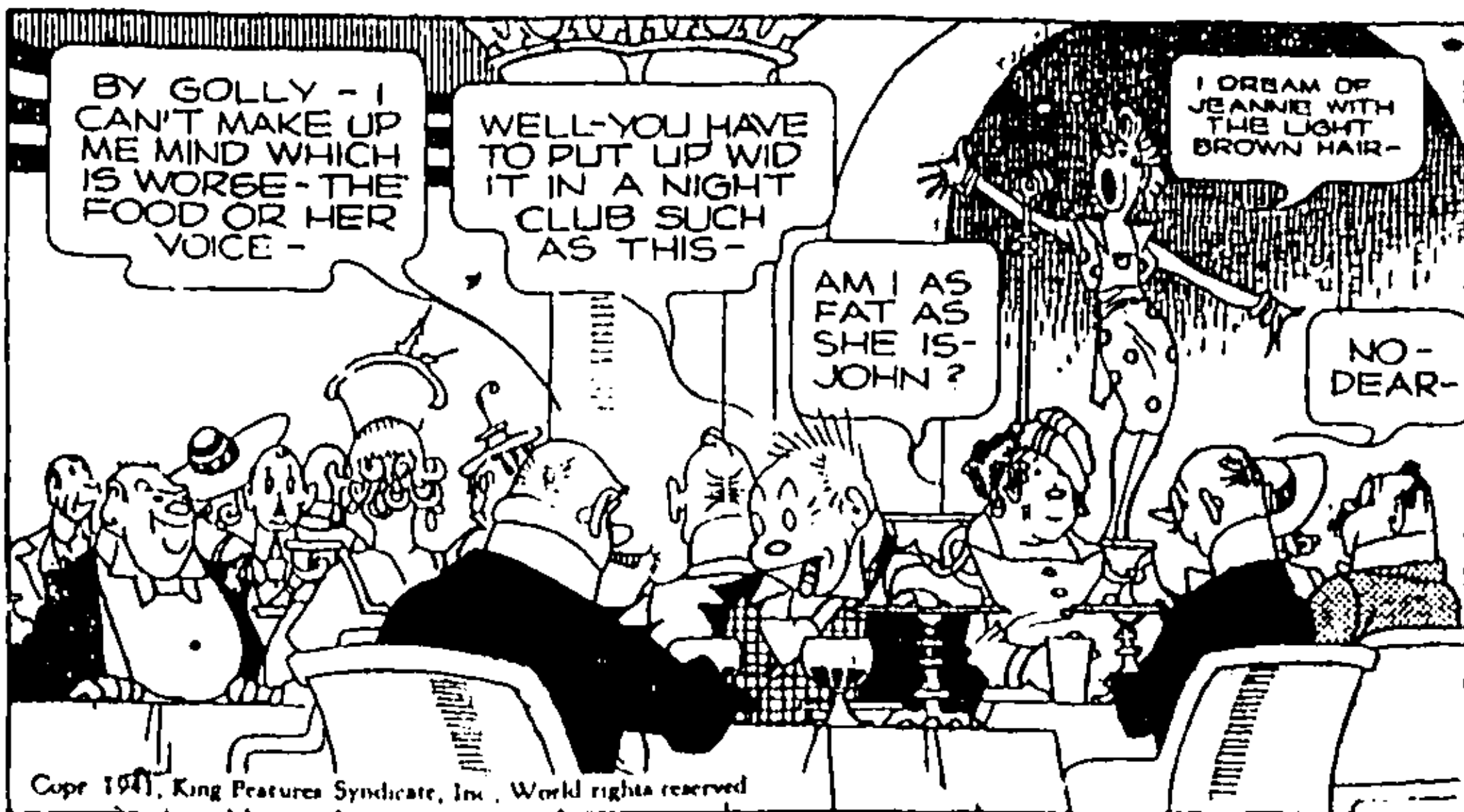
Legacies of many thousands of pounds willed by Sir Arthur Levy, who died in November, 1938, are confirmed by the will of his brother, Mr. Alexander Michael Levy, just made known.

The brothers were diamond brokers. Sir Arthur left £568,000, giving Mr. Levy power of appointment over many bequests. Now Mr. Levy has left £820,000 and a will drawn up in almost the same language as Sir Arthur's.

The brothers made their wills at the same time. They agreed on their legacies and gave each other power of appointment over them. Neither acted in business without consulting the other. Both died at 83.

As Sir Arthur did, subject to his brother's confirmation, Mr. Levy left 19-20ths of the residue of his estate, after other bequests, to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London to found and maintain an Arthur and Alexander Levy surgical home, and the remainder to the fund for general purposes. Nineteen London hospitals benefit under his will.

Death duty on Sir Arthur's estate amounted to £136,643, on Mr. Levy's to £331,911. The big difference is accounted for by the fact that the rate of duty is on a sliding scale rising in proportion to the amount left.



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

LET'S DRESS IT with a FINE SAUCE... for a sauce adds interest to a simple dish

Says Dorothy Grieg



Gale Page, beautiful star of the screen, whips together this quick, and most delicious Asparagus Sauce to serve over Waffles.

Grannie was a great hand at making sauces. Hers always came out smooth as cream and of lovely flavour. "Making a sauce is a real test of a cook," she would often say.

Well, maybe that was the case years ago. But nowadays we all can make superlative good sauces by following the simple new way and using condensed soups as the base. These, as they

come from the can, are already skillfully seasoned by French chefs. They are thick, too, a perfect base for sauces.

For instance, here is a zesty sauce made this new way. Gale Page, famous Hollywood star, serves it over waffles for Sunday supper get-togethers:

Asparagus-Cheese-Bacon Sauce on Waffles

- 1 can condensed asparagus soup
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk
 - 1 ounce cheese (sharp)
 - 2 pieces grilled bacon (crisp)
- Combine the asparagus soup with milk. Heat and then add cheese, stirring continuously until the cheese has melted. Add the bacon chopped fine. Serve over waffles.

Here's another idea for dressing up a simple everyday food. This sauce is for beef loaf:

Mock Turtle Sauce

- 1 can of condensed mock turtle soup
 - 6 tablespoons water
- Heat and serve.

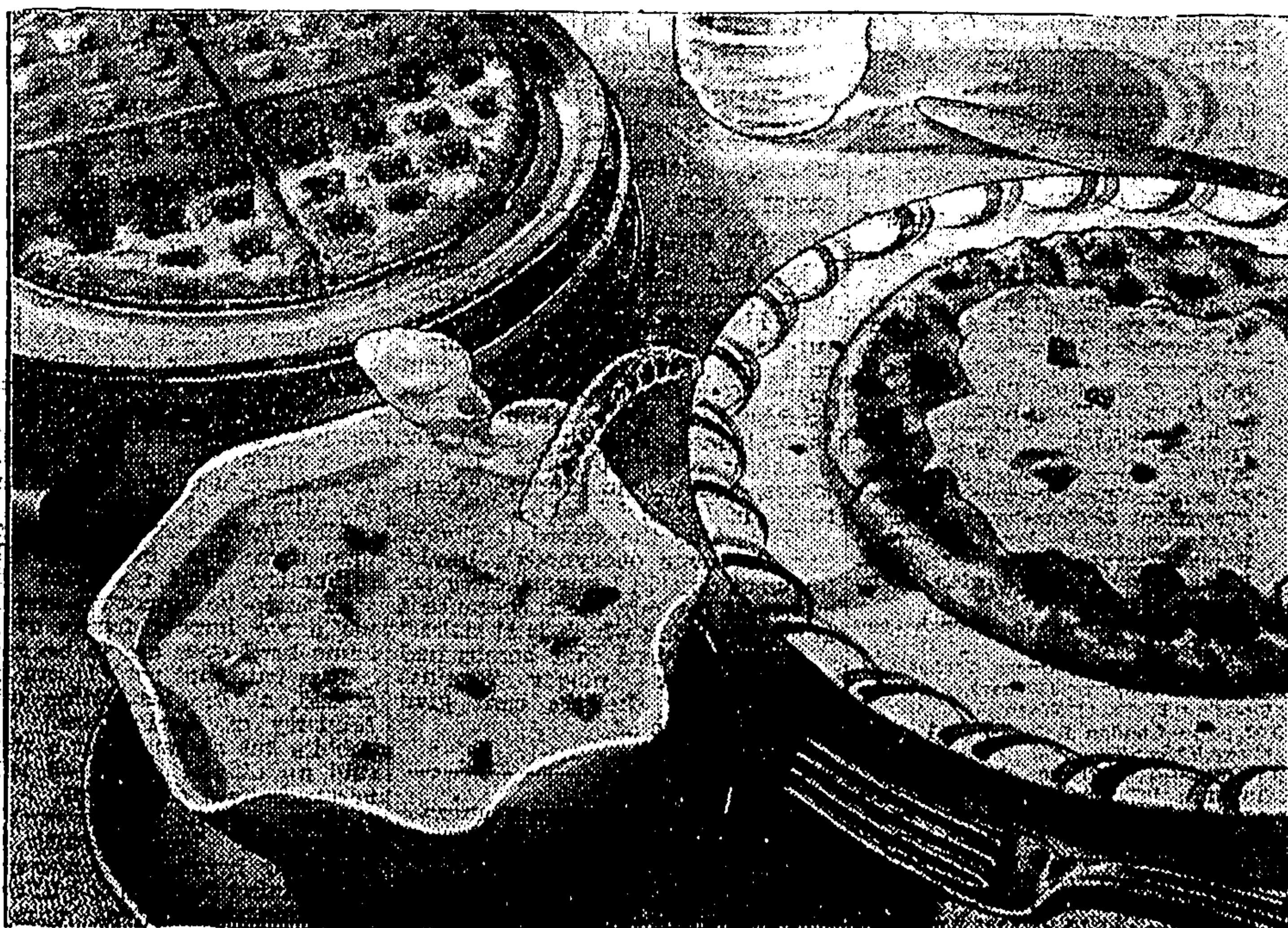
You couldn't ask for anything easier than that sauce to make... and it does wonders for meat loaf.

For fish, this Creole Sauce is one of my favourites:

Creole Sauce

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons onion (chopped fine)
- 2 tablespoons green pepper (chopped fine)
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water

Cook the finely chopped green pepper and onion in the butter until soft. Then add the tomato soup and water, heat and simmer 3-4 minutes to blend the flavours. Makes approximately $1\frac{3}{4}$ cups of sauce.



Waffles glorified with Asparagus-Cheese-Bacon Sauce, are suggested for Sunday night supper.

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12.30 p.m.—A "Swing" Programme.

Swing Step—Stop! You're breaking my Heart (film "Artists & Models").

Jack White & his Collections.

Fox-Trots—It happened down in Dixieland; Pagan Love Song.

Teddy Foster & his Kings of Swing.

Fox-Trot—The trouble with me is you (film "With Love & Kisses").

George Elrick & his Swing Music Makers.

Fox-Trots—Sweet Potato Piper (from "The Road to Singapore").

Blue Ribbon Rag—Arthur Young & Hatchett's Swingtette.

Swing Step—Stephane Grappelly.

Fox-Trot—Three Little Fishies—Billy Costello with Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—The Rhythm's O.K. in Harlem.

Take Another Guess—Teddy Foster & his Kings of Swing.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal Tiger Rag (La Rocca); Some of These Days (Brooks).

The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar).

Two Planos—Transatlantic Rhythm (Caesar & Henderson).

Intro—I Heard a Song in a Taxi.

Who'll Buy My Song of Love; Spanish Jake; Breakfast in Harlem.

Holiday Sweetheart; You're the Type—Irving Caesar & Ray Henderson with Scott Wood.

Impersonations Film Fans' Fare—Michael Moore (with Effects).

Theremin Dancing with Tears in my Eyes—Waltz (Dubin & Burke).

Leannington Shewell with piano accomp.

Vocal Over the Rainbow (film "The Wizard of Oz").

Scatter Brain (Burke & others).

Phyllis Robins with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Edith Lorand and her Viennese Orchestra.

Old Vienna Melodies (Pollack); The Countess Maritza Potpourri (Kalmann).

Waves of the Danube—Waltz (Lennovier); The Last Waltz (Oscar Straus).

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Victor Silvester and his Ballroom Orchestra.

Quickstep—I'll Write a Love Song (from "It's in the Bag").

Slow Fox-Trot—House Beautiful; Swing Step—Don't Count Your Chickens.

Tango—Love Bells; Tango—Fragrant Flowers; Quickstep—Mine Alone (from "Paprika").

Slow Fox-Trot—Magyar Melody (from "Paprika").

Quickstep—Where is our Blue Bird of Melody Lane; Waltz—Sweethearts (film "Sweethearts").

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"The Netherlands and the War" by His Excellency Dr. Gerbrandy, President of the Netherlands Council of Ministers in London.

7.30 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordeon Band.

You Can't Pull the Wool over my Eyes (Ager & others); When the Swallows Nest Again (Stevens—Edmund); Boo-Hoo (Hoyman & others); Delyse (Gilbert Nicholls) with Vocal Refrain.

7.43 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

"Nine Sharp" (Excerpts from the Revue) The Little Theatre Company.

"The Fleet's In" (Selection)—Geraldine and his London Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger-Rag-muffins.

Hot Lips (Busse & others); I'm a Ding Dong Daddy (Baxter); Ragging the A.C.E. (Stamforth); Sarawaki (Gordon).

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—New Variety.

Vocal—Only Forever (from "Rhythm on the River")—Denny Dennis with Novachord accomp.

Vocal—Never Took a Lesson in My Life (Lawrence—Foote); I'll Never Smile Again, Until I Smile at You (Lowe)—Elsie Carlisle with instrum.

acomp. Accordeon Band—The Swiss Bellringer (Freed—Samuels).

Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with vocal chorus.

Comedian—Sitting on the Ice in the Ice Rink (Cottrell); Why Don't Women Like Me? (Cottrell—Bennett).

George Formby with his Ukulele and Orchestral accomp.

Accordeon Band—I'll Never Make the Same Mistake Again (Lester—Smith).

Primo Scala's Accordeon Band with vocal chorus.

Vocal—I'm Nobody's Baby (Davis & others); Maybe (Flynn—Madden).

Anne Shelton with instrumental accomp.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer, Tino Rossi and the Orchestra Mascotte.

Exultation—Waltz (Laufenschlager); Waltz of the Dolls (Joseph Bayer).

Orchestra Mascotte; Pescadore—(Forewell Love); (Rodor & Scott); Le Chaland Qui Passe (d'Andre & others).

Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra; Castanets—Waltz (Richartz); It Happened in Vienna—Waltz (Ferry Muhr).

Orchestra Mascotte; Les Prenom's Elifance (Tranchant & Tranchant); Estime Marocaine (Eddy—Bos).

Lucienne Boyer (Soprano) with Orchestra; Espana—Waltz (Waldteufel).

Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—The State Opera Orchestra.

"Jubel"—Overture (Weber); Wedding Waltz (Dohnanyi).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".

10.15 p.m.—A Beethoven Programme.

Overture "Coriolan"; Op. 62—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

In Questa Tomba Oscura—Theodore Chailapino (Bass) with Orchestra.

Sonata in C Major, Op. 102, No. 1—1st Mov.

Andante—Allegro vivace; 2nd Mov.

Adagio—Tempo d'Andante; 3rd Mov.

Alligro Vivace; Pau Casals.

French Faith In Britain

Frenchmen everywhere in unoccupied France, and in occupied territory too, are to-day convinced almost unanimously that the hour of Germany's inevitable defeat is growing steadily nearer, despite all the efforts of German-controlled wireless and Press to make them believe the opposite.

This is the conclusion drawn from a number of letters just received from reliable persons in unoccupied France who have been

there ever since the French collapse. Some of them have been able to learn a few details from occupied territory.

"A" paints a picture of life in a French village in unoccupied France. "Wireless is now prohibited in cafes and public places. We shall soon be all hanged, drawn and quartered for listening to God's truth."

"France is becoming Germanised more and more every day—on paper. But her citizens become more and more British every day. I don't know a single person that has not confidence in Britain and certainly of Britain's victory. I was in a country cafe about five miles from here the other day and everybody was openly saying 'Vive les Anglais.' In this town the name of Italy stinks."

Says "B": "It is plain that nothing is going well and right for the Axis. Some Frenchmen at one time thought England would bolt and run, and that the end of hostilities was in sight. These Frenchmen now see the error of their judgment, and are now tout en admiration pour le Anglais, and very much so."

SAVED BY GOING ON TO ROOF

Sir Robert Witt had a remarkable escape from death during a night raid on London.

"I was on the fifth floor of a house in which I was dining with two friends," he said, "and we were just finishing dinner when the raid became noisy. We decided to go on the roof to see what was happening. That meant going up a short staircase for we were already near the top and had only one floor above us."

"This curiosity saved our lives, for we had just reached the flat roof and were standing at the side of it when a bomb fell. Nothing was left of the room in which we had been dining; its piano was found at the bottom of the building."

"If we had been only a minute later in leaving the room we should not be here now. None of us was hurt, but getting down to the ground proved to be rather a lengthy process. We had to use ladders and ropes and it took us an hour."

Sir Robert Witt, senior partner in a well-known firm of solicitors, has been responsible for the acquisition of many national art treasures. He is chairman of the National Art Collections Fund which he helped to found and for many years was a trustee of the National Gallery and the Tate Gallery.

R.A.F. 'HAUNTS' NAZI SKIES

Gen. Milch's Fears

In a broadcast warning to Germans not to ignore air raid alarms, Gen. Milch, Chief of the Luftwaffe, stated "As soon as the enemy is approaching the air becomes haunted. All must immediately seek shelter, particularly so because often you cannot even see or hear the enemy coming."

He told the people to expect more frequent and heavier raids.

In his speech, designed to reassure the German people about raids, he said it was true that many German people had lost members of their families and their homes. But this could not be compared with the British losses, which amounted to "thousands of killed."

"It is true the sword is always hanging over everybody's head," he went on, "but nevertheless we must all set our teeth, because it is a great thing which is at stake."

He emphasised that bombs had a destructive power "against which light shelters can give little protection."

(Cello) and Mieczyslaw Horowitz (Piano). The Bliss of pensive melancholy—Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with piano accomp. Eleven Viennese Dances—London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Felix Weingartner.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

HUSBAND WHO SHOT WIFE

The question whether the estate of a wife passed, under her will, to her husband or whether she died intestate after being shot by the husband, who immediately after took his own life, was decided in a summons in the Chancery Division before Mr. Justice Farwell, who held that there was an intestacy.

The summons was taken out by the administrators of the will of Mrs. Evelyn Morton Pollock, of Erchfont Manor, near Devizes, who died on June 11 last year from a wound caused by a revolver bullet fired by her husband, Mr. Hamilton Rivers Pollock, who afterwards took his own life.

Mrs. Pollock's estate was valued at over £39,000 and her husband's at £16,625.

Mr. Justice Farwell, giving judgment, said: "There is no evidence to show what was the state of Mr. Pollock's mind at the moment his wife died. Where one person kills another, that person is not entitled to participate in the estate of the person who has been murdered."

"Although the court could come to the conclusion that the husband killed the wife, the state of mind of the husband at the time has not been proved. I must come to the conclusion that it is the duty of the administrators to act on the assumption that the husband is not entitled, in all the circumstances, to benefit in any way in the estate of his wife."

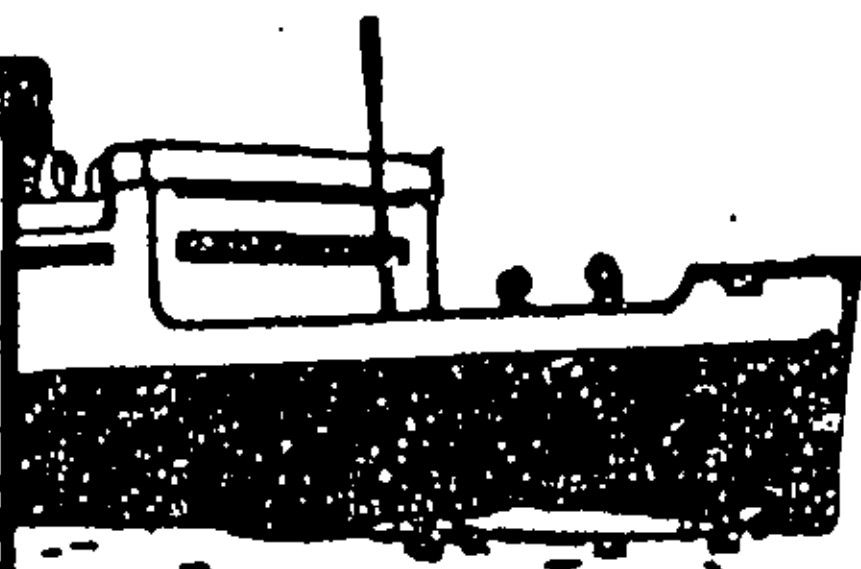
RABBITS AS FOOD FOR PETS

In her concern over the shortage of food for household pets, Mrs. Constance Hyatt, of Hounslow, has written to the King suggesting that offal, rabbit, or horse-flesh might be made available. The letter has been forwarded to the Ministry of Food.

Mrs. Hyatt laments that since then there has been an official intimation that no more birdseed is to be imported and that, while we import frozen rabbits, home-bred ones are to be gassed, at the instigation of the Ministry of Agriculture. "Four rabbits eat as much as a sheep," said an official, "and 40 rabbits as much as a dairy cow."

"The rabbits we import are dead ones." The difficulty about providing home-bred ones is that of obtaining the men to kill them. "A certain amount of horseflesh was available for dogs, but the demand had not been very great."

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'FIFTH COLUMN' MISTAKE

Led To Death Of Sergeant

Evidence that a sergeant was mistaken for a Fifth Columnist during Army night exercises and received a bayonet wound was given at a Winchcombe, Gloucestershire, inquest.

The inquest was on Sgt. William Nolan, 33, a native of Dublin, and the verdict was death by misadventure, with negligence, not amounting to criminal negligence, on the part of Pte. Arthur Rath, whose bayonet caused the wound.

The jury added a rider that there was negligence on the part of Colr.-Sgt. William Power for permitting one of his men to carry a fixed bayonet.

Pte. Thomas James Gately described how he, with Nolan and Pte. Fitzgerald, were held up on a road by a colour-sergeant of another unit.

When Fitzgerald covered the colour-sergeant with his rifle he and Nolan escaped and heard a blank shot fired. He heard someone call: "Stop those men. They are Fifth Columnists."

Lieut.-Sgt. MacDonald said the three men came towards him. One of them lifted his rifle as though to strike, and he covered Colr.-Sgt. Power stating that he would shoot the first man who moved.

"The three men were wearing no hats and they acted in a far more menacing manner than is usual in these operations," he said.

"Before the exercise began I had it from one or two officers that it was an ideal night for Fifth Columnists and that we should keep a sharp lookout."

Pte. Arthur Rath said Nolan sprang at them, but fell, exclaiming that he was hurt. Rath said he did not thrust the bayonet at Nolan, who must have impaled himself on it as he sprang forward. He thought it was his duty to have his bayonet fixed. He was a cook and was unaccustomed to ordinary duties.

OH! WHAT A RHYME FOR THE DUCE

This parody of the nursery rhyme "Hush-a-bye, Baby" was broadcast for Mussolini's benefit by Athens Radio recently.

"Hush-a-bye, Duce, on the tree top, When the wind blows the Empire will rock,

When the bough bends the Empire will fall,

Down will come Duce, Empire, and all."

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GENERAL'S TWO WILLS

Claim By Widow

An action relating to two wills of Major-Gen. Hubert A. A. Livingstone, aged 74, Heathside Road, Woking, who died on July 9, leaving more than £50,000, came before the President, Lord Merri-man, in the Probate Court.

Lady Livingstone, the widow, asked the Court, as sole executrix, to pronounce for a will of July 8, the day before he died, in which he left everything to her, relying on her to do what was right regarding the only son of the marriage, and the General's brother, Guy.

The defendants, Col. H. W. Holland, chartered accountant, Old-square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C., and Mr. J. Hulbert, solicitor, New-square, Lincoln's Inn, contended that Gen. Livingstone was not of sound mind at the time the will was made, and they set up a will of September 22, 1936, of which they were executors. In this, it was stated, elaborate provision was made for the maintenance of the son and also of the brother.

Mr. T. K. Wigan, for Lady Livingstone, said that she denied that her husband was incapable of making a will. She, in fact, wished to carry out her husband's desires.

Mr. Clifford Mortimer, for the defendants, said that if Lady Livingstone was going to make proper provision for the son and the brother the real purpose of the action had been gained. Hearing adjourned.

ENEMY PRAISES BRITISH BRAVERY

Here is the story of one of our young countrywomen in German-occupied territory who gained the admiration of a German officer.

The girl, 19, had lived most of her life in Belgium, and was a telephone operator in a Belgium town during the invasion.

Her story was told to a naval officer by a German officer shot down over the North Sea.

During the invasion of Belgium this officer was held up for some time by the defence put up at a telephone exchange building. A good deal of shooting took place, and a light gun was brought into action.

Eventually the Nazis succeeded in taking the building, and on entering it the officer was met by a young girl, evidently not in the least disturbed by the fighting and shelling. He asked why she had not fled.

Her reply was that she preferred to stay, as her aunts, with whom she lived, would be waiting for her at home—and, in any case, she could not leave her post.

The German officer's remark when telling of the incident was: "Can you beat it? If that's the spirit of England, we are not going to have such an easy job."

INDO-CHINA DIVIDEND

The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company report shows that after providing for all expenditure the net profit of the ships for 1940 is £237,125 17s. 4d., with the carry forward of £19,746-13s. 3d., the net gain on Unit sold of £120 11s. 0d. and £72 7s. 6d. for Transfer Fees the total figure at the credit of Appropriation Account is £257,066 9s. 1d.

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SUMMONED FOR CANTEEN TALK

Woman's Alleged "Don't Fight"

Soldier customers of a canteen at Newhaven gave evidence at Lewes about alleged remarks by the manageress.

Mr. Hilda Ann Hungerford pleaded not guilty to a summons alleging that she endeavoured to seduce soldiers from their duties and published a statement, liable to cause alarm and despondency. The case was adjourned to allow the defence to prepare their case.

Mr. Paling prosecuting, alleged that Mrs. Hungerford on January 26, while serving, exhorted soldiers to lay down their arms when the Germans came. She also said: "We would be much better off under the Nazi rule. The sooner the Germans conquer us the better for us. If the Germans came we should get better food. The English soldiers are no good. They will never win."

Sgt. John Batesy said Mrs. Hungerford told him that the sale of cakes had been stopped. He said he thought it was unfair, and Mrs. Hungerford replied: "Yes; we would be better off under the Nazi rule."

"Jovial Woman"

Regarding the alleged remark about laying down arms, Sgt. Edward George Sinfeld said it could have been taken as a joke as Mrs. Hungerford was a very jovial woman.

Sgt. Frank Slawson said the remark he heard was, "When the Germans come I would lay down my arms."

Gunner R. S. Terry said he thought Mrs. Hungerford was joking.

L/Sgt. Turns said she stated that if the Germans came she would not run away but raise her hand and say, "Heil Hitler." She was excited when she made the remark.

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The SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 10th July, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

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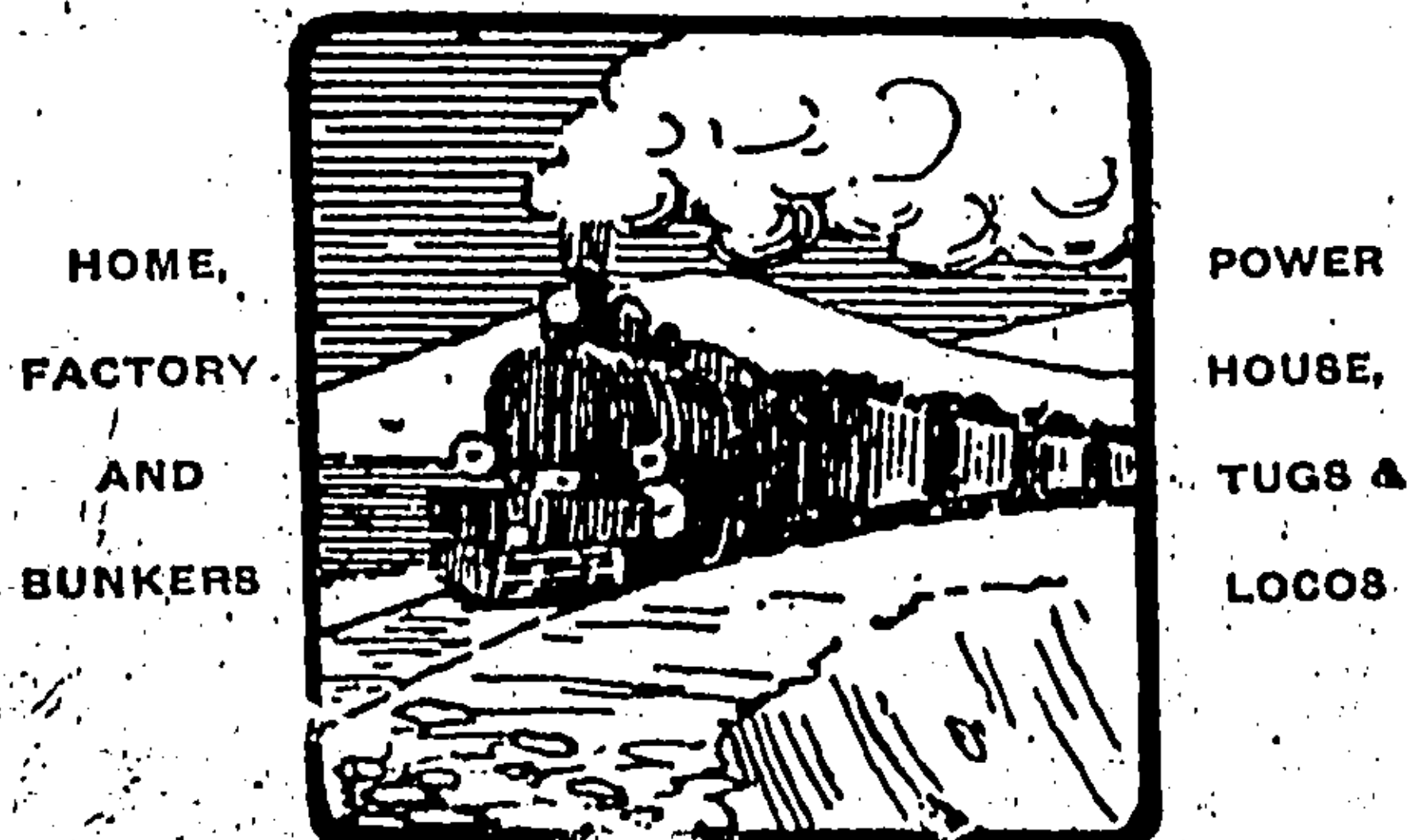
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Mary Hardwick Describes Her Tennis Tour In U.S., Canada Reception Which Just Bowled Her Over

Speaks Of Relief Work Done Everywhere

A FURTHER INTERESTING description of her activities and impressions as she proceeded through the far western sections of the United States and Canada on her professional tennis tour with Alice Marble, was given to Reuter's correspondent recently by Mary Hardwick, the English former Wightman Cup player.

As was the case when she described her tour some time ago, she found the people of those parts touchingly pro-British and was overwhelmed by their kindness towards her and their expressions of sympathy and hope of victory for England and the Empire.

Miss Hardwick referred to her match in Vancouver, British Columbia, recently, in which Miss Marble won 6-3, 10-8 before a packed audience. The match, incidentally, was run by a Mr. Cardinal, a Sussex County cricketer, according to Miss Hardwick who carried her off the court in October, 1938, in Brighton when she sprained her ankle.

Great Reception

"The reception in Vancouver just bowled me over," Mary told Reuter. "The crowd was so pro-British that we had to stop them trying to cheer for me. The linesmen became so confused with the play that they were not very quick on their decisions, and were inclined to make mistakes. This the crowd would not stand, and if Alice made a winner on the line they always insisted it was out. However, although I did not win we had one of the best matches of the tour—perfect conditions, a sold-out house and both of us playing really well. I had three set-points in the second set," she added.

Miss Hardwick confessed that she was often close to tears during her short stay in Vancouver. The feeling of getting back on to British soil again after so long away from it deeply affected her. Also, she said, "I felt so much that here I was in a country where they were striving and praying for victory, in earnest. There was no question of just England pulling through in the people's conversation. It was we and us all the time."

She told, too, how she found Vancouver plastered with splendid war posters urging the people to "Save for Victory," to buy war savings certificates and to do all sorts of other things to help win the war. Also, there were big, life-sized posters of Mr. Winston Churchill, with the words, now so historic in this part of the world, "give us the tools and we'll finish the job."

Trip A Success

Speaking of her trip in the North West in general, Miss Hardwick said that it had been a complete success and that she and Miss Marble had been playing to sell-out houses everywhere, in the United States as well as in Vancouver. She found the Portland and Seattle people and those in other parts of the same localities, the "most pro-British" of any she had met on the whole tour.

In San Francisco, Miss Marble was presented with the keys of the city and Miss Hardwick who had to accompany her to the ceremony was asked to make a speech at the City Hall because "I represented the other Democracy."

Miss Hardwick spoke enthusiastically of the relief work being done in the North West in aid of Bundles for Britain and the British War Relief Society. She has been combining tennis with visiting the various relief centres, "making radio appeals, appearing in Bundles for Britain shops, visiting work rooms and meeting committees."

Altogether, Miss Hardwick is doing her bit for Britain with all the enthusiasm possible, and that she is one of the outstanding ambassadors of goodwill between England and the United States there is no doubt.

BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

K.B.C.C.
"A" First Division (v Indian R.C. Away)

W. L. Walker, W. McNeil, S. Randle and A. Holland (Skip)
H. P. Phillips, H. White, J. G. Meyer and A. J. Hall (Skip)
I. Sykes, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde Lay and G. Sheriff (Skip)

"B" First Division (v Kowloon Docks Away)

W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, E. Levett and R. Duncan (Skip)
A. Morton, P. A. Peckham, H. Lockhart and J. McKelvie (Skip)
E. Seard, G. W. Deacon, H. E. Drew and L. Guy (Skip)
Third Division (v Kowloon F.C. Home)
J. A. Fraser, S. A. MacGregor, E. V. Seale and H. Nash (Skip)
H. Becknell, S. C. Walker, I. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip)
J. S. Dunlop, C. E. Laurence, G. E. F. Thompson and D. W. Waterton (Skip)

POLICE
First Division (v Club de Recreo Away)

W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. Dall and J. Shephard (Skip)
G. Perkins, W. M. Smith, A. E. Carey and F. G. Post (Skip)
C. Gough, C. Pile, W. McHardy and W. Maer (Skip)

Third Division (v H.K. Electric Home)

G. Davies, E. Greenwood, A. J. Johnson and F. Channing (Skip)
A. Soutar, C. Wilcox, F. Nolan and J. McDonald (Skip)
J. Hayward, J. Riddell, J. R. McWalter and J. Arken (Skip)

K. TONG
Second Division (v H.K.C.C. Away)

H. A. Castro, J. Tang, A. Madar and A. J. Kew (Skip)
N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lam, J. N. Wong and J. I. Stephens (Skip)
H. Gittins, W. M. Gittins, A. E. Castro and W. J. Howard (Skip)

H.K.C.C.
Second Division (v Kowloon Tong G.C.A. Home)

J. G. Haigh, S. I. Lloyd, I. J. Davies and G. E. Costello (Skip)
G. G. Aitkenhead, I. A. R. Duncan, T. R. Howell and F. Goodwin (Skip)
R. R. Davies, E. Hoopes, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip)

Reserves: P. S. Cassidy and T. C. Monaghan

Friendly (v Kowloon Football Club Away)

A. McKellar, P. Morrison, Dr. D. J. Valentine and B. J. Lacey (Skip)
H. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. R. Lambert, S. Mitchell and E. S. Abraham (Skip)
H. A. Angus, I. E. N. Ryan, E. S. Doughty and J. B. Gilroy (Skip)

Reserves: E. A. R. Fowles and W. J. Hansen

K.C.C.
First Division (v Craigengower C.C. Away)

W. Mulcahy, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor and J. Fraser (Skip)
A. E. Perry, A. W. Smith, L. Jack and E. C. Fincher (Skip)
A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, N. J. Bebbington and T. A. Madar (Skip)

Second Division (v Hong-Kong Football Club Home)

A. C. Tribble, G. W. Bowden, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (Skip)
T. R. Hunter, A. H. Marlin, E. C. Curtis and R. S. Meadow (Skip)
R. S. Capell, F. A. Fabel, H. Overy and T. W. Carr (Skip)

H.K.F.C.
Second Division (v K.C.C. Away)

J. S. Howell, G. Stephens, G. Graver and W. Gill (Skip)
A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. G. Wallington and W. Macfarlane (Skip)
R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and H. V. Pearce (Skip)

Third Division (v Club de Recreo Home)

A. Bailey, J. M. Thomson, B. J. ...

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP FUND ALLOCATION

Following are the allocations of the funds of "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition:

Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$300.00
Industrial Home for Blind Girls	100.00
Sailors' Home & Mission to Seamen	150.00
St. John's Ambulance Brigade	150.00
Little Sisters of the Poor Home for the Aged	200.00
Hong Kong Benevolent Society	250.00
Canossian Institute for Blind	150.00
Society for Protection for Children	300.00
Children's Playground Association	200.00
Cheero Club	150.00
Chinese Sisters of the Precious Blood	100.00
Sailors' & Soldiers' Home	150.00
Salvation Army	200.00
South China Athletic Free Schools	100.00
Chinese Seamen's Mission	50.00
St. Louis Industrial School	100.00
Hong Kong Branch of the National Association for the Care of War Orphans	150.00
Queen Mary's Hospital X'mas Tree Fund	100.00
Boys' & Girls' Club Associations	100.00
Garrison Help Society	100.00
New Territory Relief Association	100.00
Amenities for Interned Soldiers	100.00
Total	\$3,300.00

TOURING TEAMS TO SUBMIT ACCOUNTS

AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION that, in future, all teams touring with the sanction of the Association should keep a proper statement of accounts and submit same to the Association, was unanimously carried at the monthly Council meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday evening.

The resolution was passed after further discussion was made regarding the question of inducements to players as raised in a letter by the Kwong Wah Athletic Association at the last meeting and a reply to which was received from Eastern A.A.

Eastern's reply to Kwong Wah stated that regarding Lau Fook chuen they were not concerned with his employment. It added that the player was not satisfied with his employment and took the chance to tour prior to taking up a better job in a commercial firm. They did not say whether there was any request or inducement to Lau to leave his former employment.

Never Raised

A letter was received from Kwong Wah regarding this reply



from Eastern. It pointed out that the question of request or inducement was never raised and suggested that the Association should look into the Eastern's Manila tour in order to see if no inducement had been offered.

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Chairman, said he deplored the last part of the letter and said he remembered that Mr. Brown was pressed at the last meeting but refused to put a proposal to the meeting to look into the books of Eastern.

Mr. Brown said the question as brought up in Eastern's reply was not raised by Kwong Wah. His request to the Association to look into the matter was that if that question was not raised why did Eastern answer in that manner.

The Chairman replied that unless a prima facie case was made out the Association could not make investigations into the affairs of any club on any flimsy suspicion alone.

Mr. Brown said he brought up the question only as a matter of principle. He said that early in the season there had been a great deal of unpleasantness adding that a first division club was stripped of all its players. He felt that if one club deliberately went to another and got players to handicap the other club the Association should do something.

Mr. J. McKelvie replied that at the close of the season players were free to play for any club as they were amateurs.

Proposed by Mr. J. Skinner, and seconded by Mr. McKelvie, a resolution was passed that Eastern be asked to reply direct to the point raised in Mr. Brown's letter.

To Alter Rules

Mr. Wong said on looking over the file he found that there were rules to be altered and suggested a sub-committee be appointed to deal with these. The following were elected to serve on the committee:—Messrs. Wong Ka-tsun, W. Tung, J. Skinner, and T. G. Stokes.

Mr. Charles Young, new honorary secretary of South China, was introduced to the Council through a letter and will take Mr. Walter H. Chen's place on the Council.

COTTAGE CLUB

The Cottage Club's last paper-hunt of the season will take place on Saturday starting at 5.30 p.m. from a point near San Tin Village near the entrance to Sunny Farm.

Puzzles will be drawn for at the Club at 5 p.m. After the hunt, an open-air barbecue will be held in the Club grounds for Members and their friends.

NEW BASEBALL GROUND

Chatham Road ground will be the venue of this season's baseball games. The military authorities are erecting a stand on the site.

PROMISING FORM OF E. A. ROBERTS

ALTHOUGH IT WAS not very well attended, and the various events were not always well supported, the first swimming gala of the season held by European Y.M.C.A. last night was quite an enjoyable affair although the standard never reached a very high level.

There was much evidence of pre-season lack of training, as to instance young Saunders, normally a stout-hearted swimmer, retiring after three lengths of the back-stroke event owing to the fact that he had only a few minutes earlier completed a sharp 50 yards.

Feature of the evening was the unearthing of some new talent in Edward Roberts, a long rangy youth who should do very well with training and experience.

Roberts only entered for one individual event—the 75 yards medley handicap—but he won after a thrilling struggle with F. Willis, to whom he conceded five seconds.

Lai Tsun Swimming Union easily won the 200 Yards Relay from Y.M.C.A. "A", a fairly strong combination, with David Hutchinson, the Colony champion, swimming in the anchor position.

In the water-polo match which wound up the programme Y.M.C.A. beat Middlesex by 4-0. 50 yards aggregate handicap.—Heat 1.—1. M. J. Cunningham (33 secs.); 2. G. Ramage (33 2/5); 3. H. C. Eardley Heat 2.—1. G. Davidson (27); 2. G.

Saunders (27 2/5); 3. A. McQueen Heat 3.—1. E. F. Paul (27 1/5); 2. E. W. Raiton (29 2/5).

100 yards backstroke handicap. F. Willis (33 3/5) G. Saunders failed to finish.

Diving (seated handicap). 1. N. D. Booker (35); 2. A. McQueen (37); 3. R. Goldman (79); 4. F. Willis (75); 5. G. Saunders (74).

220 yards aggregate handicap. Heat 1.—1. E. F. Paul (3 10 1/5); 2. G. Davidson (3 8 4/5); 3. H. G. Ramage Heat 2.—1. A. F. May (2 48 2/5); 2. L. A. Benn (2 52 4/5); 3. E. W. Raiton (3 11).

75 yards medley aggregate handicap. 1. E. A. Roberts (55); 2. F. Willis (58 2/5); 3. W. B. Ure.

200 yards relay.—1. Lai Tsun (Tsang Cheong-ming, Lau Tsun-ping, Chun-nam, Kum Hop-ping); 2. European Y.M.C.A. "A" (H. C. Eardley, E. F. Paul, A. F. May, D. Hutchinson); 3. European Y.M.C.A. "B" (E. A. Roberts, G. Saunders, N. D. Booker, E. W. Raiton); 4. Army (Pte. Elms, Signm. Hodges, Pte. McHugh, Signm. Hunt). Time: 1 55 4/5.

Water-polo.—European Y.M.C.A. (H. C. Eardley, F. Willis, L. A. Benn, A. F. May, E. W. Raiton, R. Goldman, E. F. Paul) beat Middlesex (Bdsm. Stanton, L/Cpl. Muchenbach, Signm. Hunt, P.S.M. Ure, L/Cpl. Bladen, Pte. Budge, Pte. Jennings) 4-0. A. F. May scored all goals, one in the first half.

YACHTING RESULTS

The Yacht Club yesterday held its annual race for boat-boys over a course of 7.8 miles. The race resulted.—Joss: 1. Koala-2. True Blue 3. La Linda 4. Maureen 5. Artemis 6. Gull 7. Jean 8. Tyrone 9. Gull 10.

The result of the Helmsman's Cup Series, the final of which was sailed concurrently with Saturday's sweepstake is.—E. Hurtemeler (35 pts.) 1. G. G. Wood, T. C. Fairburn (29) 2. V. H. Johnson (27) 4. G. F. Hyde (25) 5. C. C. Blake, P. D. A. Chidell (24) 6. H. V. Browne, W. Foreyth (21) 8. G. Allen (12) 9.

Bickford and J. Russell (Skip). S. Carr, F. Flippance, S. Strange and P. Morgan (Skip).

E. Casey, J. R. Barnes, A. C. Gratton and B. H. Mansell (Skip).

H.K.E.R.C.
Third Division (v Police Recreation Club, Away)

W. E. MacFarlane, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron, and L. de Rome (Skip). R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, A. G. Gardner and A. F. Paul (Skip). A. P. Tarbuck, J. R. Wew, C. E. Gahagan and J. K. Sloan (Skip).

T.D.R.C.
Second Division (v Craigengower C.C. Home)

E. E. Wilson, W. Cunningham, T. F. Stanton and J. A. Watson (Skip). A. MacArthur, D. Coull, R. Main and W. Melrose (Skip). J. Nimmo, J. J. Whyte, C. Bovard and J. C. Chalmers (Skip).

Reserves: S. J. Pollock, W. G. McKie, H. Kow and H. Smith.

KID BERG & ZWICK STILL BOXING AFTER 15 YEARS

Berg Still A Threat For British Championship

Zwick Able To Take On Best Of Featherweights

Two boxers, each with fifteen or more years of fighting behind them, seem to have solved the problem of perpetual youth.

It is 15 years ago since Kid Berg, the former British lightweight champion, took up fighting as a career, ten years since he was making bids for the world title in America, and seven since he was British champion. His breezy, aggressive non-stop style earned him the name of the "Whitechapel Whirlwind" in those days, and it is remarkable that he has lost little of his speed since. There were signs in the last few months of his developing a more sober and more polished style, but when he met Harry Mizler, another former British champion, in the main ten round bout of an afternoon tournament he pulled out all his old "fire" to gain a points victory that confounded the critics.

Learns From Mizler

It was from Mizler, a disciple of the old upright school of boxing, relying on the clever use of his left, that Berg won his British title seven years ago, and Berg is as strong a day as he was then. If he continues to dispense of many more leading featherweights, he will undoubtedly be a serious threat to Eddie Rodrick, for the British champion has indeed, Berg is so confident that he is as good as ever that he has already issued a challenge to Rodrick.

More complete fighters such as Mizler, with fine boxing ability and punching power, seem to wither in face of Berg's whirlwind aggression. Mizler was certainly off form, but perhaps Berg must take most of the credit for that. He knows how to throw a stylish boxer out of his stride and he never stopped worrying Mizler, who became so anxious that he seemed to forget all about his sturdy left hand.

The other fighter who is still slinging punches after 15 years of it is Phil Zwick, at one time a contender for world featherweight championship honours. He recently gave a boxing and punching lesson to Gene Ward, a highly promising Chicago negro.

Zwick Stilling Willing

Zwick, who has fought in many parts of the world, is still willing and able to take on the best featherweights. Since he fought in boxing matches at school before turning professional, he must have been at the game for about 20 years.

Despite his long innings Zwick has few scars to show and he has lost little of his boxing craft and skill. His nose is somewhat flattened but his ears are not marred and he is still lithe and keen of eye.

10th Title Fight

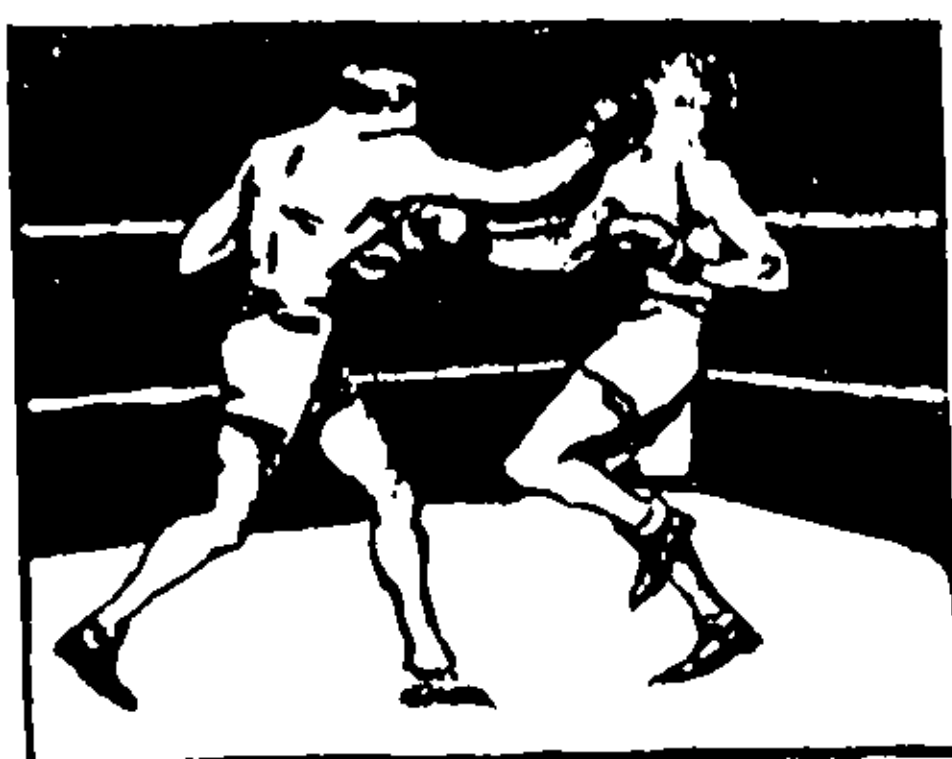
When Tarleton next steps into the ring in defence of his title he will be creating a British record.

SANDY HERD GOES ROUND COURSE IN 72

Sandy Herd, grand old man of golf, recently went round High Course, Moor Park Golf Club, in 72—a stroke for each year of his age.

This score, which many younger players would find difficult to beat, will be his last for some time, for Sandy was taken ill next day. He is in hospital and may have to undergo an operation.

"My father was pleased with his score," said Miss Alexandra Herd, "but he has not been well lately, and the strain was too much for him. He will be seventy-three next month."



who has to make the weight. Bombardier Billy Wells, of course, fought in sixteen heavyweight title fights, but he did not have to worry about weight.

2,500 OFFERS OF MARRIAGE

No less than 2,500 Americans want to help pretty Vera Hrubá, the Czechoslovakian skating star, to avoid deportation, by marrying her.

That many proposals, Miss Hrubá said, were received after her plight was publicised in the press. She is threatened with deportation because her passport as an entertainer has expired. She said she would rather "die than return to Europe."—Reuter.

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Uncle Billy McCarney gives the war-mad world something more serious to think about than a rampant Hitler. He shouts from the quarters where he is ballyhooing the one and only Max Baer.

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(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet, on board H.M.S. Ark Royal)

WE HAVE JUST BEEN LISTENING ON THE RADIO TO FANTASTIC ITALIAN CLAIMS OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT BROUGHT DOWN DURING LAST WEEK'S AIR ATTACK ON BRITISH WARSHIPS ESCORTING A CONVOY IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

THE NAZI PERIL

"If the Nazis won, the hope of civilisation in Africa would be at an end and its peoples would be thrown back into slavery under German task-masters."

This declaration was made in a broadcast yesterday by Lord Moyne, Secretary for the Colonies, speaking in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Nyasaland Protectorate.

Lord Moyne said that men from all parts of Africa had been fighting like lions in the Empire's armies which had destroyed Italian rule in East Africa.—Reuter.

We were steaming merrily along quite unaware we had been struck by three torpedoes, and the glowing account of the damage inflicted on our ships gave us a good laugh after the grim night-hour battle between British fighters, ships, guns and Axis bombers.

The simple truth is that the Italian bombers, escorted by hordes of fighters and assisted by Nazi Stukas and Messerschmidts, with favourable weather, failed to secure even a near miss on any ship but were given such a rough handling by our fighters and a tremendous concentration of nearly 100 A.A. guns that they lost seven aircraft for certain and five more badly damaged.

Four actual attacks materialised in a day of perpetual threat, two by torpedo-bombers and two by high-flying bombers.

Every minute of the day the ship's fighters were constantly alert, for everywhere in the low-hanging clouds were enemy bomber formations. We were steaming between Cagliari naval base and Sicily, so that the Italians were able

to accompany their bombers to accompany their bombers with many squadrons of fast, well-armed land fighters.

Relentless Attacks

While the ships' guns belched shells in an almost daylong barrage, spattering the clouds with dancing fire and innumerable black puffs of smoke, fighters flashed, twirled and dived among the clouds in a furious and relentless attack on the enemy bombers.

Many times in the far horizon around the ships could be seen spouting columns of water as bombers jettisoned their projectiles and fled from the blazing guns of British fighters, despite the scores of fighters protecting them.

Against such overwhelming odds time and again our fighters rushed up a formation of bombers lurking in the clouds awaiting a favourable moment to swoop down and bomb the ships.

Notable Feat

The day's most notable feat came at dusk, when the last attack was made by torpedo-bombers, while at the same time a force of 30 Stukas, protected by six fighters, were cruising in the clouds with the obvious intention of making a simultaneous assault.

Suddenly six British fighters dived among them, machine-guns spitting venomously.

One Stuka dived into the sea in flames and two fighters staggered off into cloud shelter with smoke pouring from them.

Bullets rained on the gallant little group of British fighters from all sides but they maintained their attack until the enemy quailed.

HOPELESSLY THE SCATTERED STUKAS DROPPED THEIR BOMBS INTO THE SEA AND FLED, LEAVING OUR FIGHTERS HARD HIT BUT VICTORIOUS.—REUTER.

FIRM TONE ON STOCK MARKET

A generally firm undertone was maintained on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, with Kaffirs, coppers and oils encouraged by details of wasting assets allowances announced in the Finance Bill. Industrials were steady to firm, with useful gains by breweries and Unilever, while Dunlops partially recovered after losing 1/- on a 10 per cent distribution against 12 per cent last year. Japanese bonds were higher among foreign issues which generally were firm. Wall Street was dull.—Reuter.

EARLIER HESS LETTER TO DUKE OF HAMILTON

(Continued from Page 1) amongst the people there over the bombing by the R.A.F. and of the suffering of the civilian population.

He also said that he had a message of great importance to deliver to the Duke of Hamilton.—Reuter.

Nazi Version

The newly authorised German version of Hess's intentions affords further circumstantial evidence that the escape was carefully premeditated.

It is to be remembered that Hess was leaving Germany under very extraordinary circumstances and admittedly contrary to authority. By so doing he was clearly running a grave personal peril.

It would therefore have been a perfectly understandable course for him to leave behind letters which would have put an innocent construction upon his action.

Absurd

In the German account it is stated that Hess entertained the idea that he could return again to Germany after a short time when he had fulfilled his mission of rapprochement. Even the German

FRANCE'S QUISLING

A CABLE FROM GENERAL DE GAULLE WAS READ AT A LARGE MEETING OF FREE FRENCH IN SYDNEY YESTERDAY URGING A REDOUBLING OF THE ATTACKS ON VICHY AND DECLARING THAT DARLAN WAS FRANCE'S QUISLING AND THE AGENT OF GERMAN.

M. Brenac, Sydney Free French leader, said Free French in Australia were with the French people in the struggle against Germany.

There were emotional scenes at the meeting and cries of "Vive la France" and "Vive Australia."—Reuter.

report characterises such an idea as absurd.

As a prisoner of war he would have known such liberty would be out of the question.

Indeed, if any such idea had been entertained, it would indicate a certain lack of mental balance entirely contrary to the now established fact that Hess is sane.

Meanwhile, Herr Hess remains in hospital where he has had several interviews with a representative of the British Foreign Office and reports of these conversations have been referred to the appropriate authorities.—British Wireless.

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New Rumours Develop From Hess Desertion

ARMY PLOT TO OUST HITLER?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Otto Strasser, leader in exile of the anti-Nazi Black Front, members of which are still secretly active in Germany, yesterday linked Rudolf Hess's flight with underground reports Strasser said he had received of an impending military coup to overthrow Hitler.

Reached by International News in Montreal by telephone from New York, Strasser said he had received "definite information" from Germany weeks ago of army dissatisfaction.

STRASSER SAID: "THE ARMY HIGH COMMAND IS FED UP WITH HITLER, AND A FAMOUS GERMAN GENERAL HAS ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED TO SUCCEED HIM AS MILITARY DICTATOR."

Strasser, one of the original founders of the Nazi Party, fled for his life in 1934 after his brother, Gregor Strasser, also a Nazi pioneer, was killed in the blood purge of that year.

"Hess knew the army chieftains hate him just as they hate Hitler and Himmler and other Nazi leaders with the exception of Goering," Strasser declared.—International News Service.

Express Train Mined

Scores were killed and injured when another new express train on the Japanese-controlled Shanghai-Nanking Railway was wrecked by a land-mine explosion while proceeding to Shanghai from Hangchow, 100 miles south-east of Shanghai.

The explosion is reported to have derailed the engine and tender and to have completely demolished a baggage car and second-class coach.

The mine was controlled by electric wires and set off by China-

Hitler Credited With Plans For Vast Offensive

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HITLER APPEARS TO HAVE BEGUN THE GROUNDWORK FOR WHAT SEEMS TO BE A VAST DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY OFFENSIVE AIMED AT OFFSETTING THE EFFECT OF HESS'S FLIGHT TO BRITAIN.

It is being rumoured that Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin will meet within a fortnight in Vienna, with occupied France and the small nations in the German orbit represented to receive instructions regarding their future role.

O! MY O! NYE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Senator Gerald Nye, the isolationist, claimed in Denver yesterday to have received "confidential information" from Washington that President Roosevelt is planning to declare a "complete emergency."

"The present so-called emergency can be called a limited emergency but under a complete emergency the President will have power to censor every public word," Senator Nye alleged.

He claimed he received the information a few minutes before addressing a No War Rally of the America First Committee.—International News Service.

THERE IS NO OBVIOUS REASON FOR JAPAN BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE REPORTED COMING VIENNA MEETING.

A series of strokes by the Axis in a fortnight or three weeks is expected in the Near East and, to repel American intervention, in the south Atlantic.

Major diplomatic negotiations are under way, with Hitler seeking from Russia the oil and food necessary for a successful venture.

The Soviet is expected to acquiesce but if Moscow balks, the Axis is prepared for "very vigorous action."

Completing plans for a pincer against Suez, negotiations are proceeding simultaneously in Ankara, Berlin and Vichy.

Action against Gibraltar, it is believed, is called for under the Nazi scheme.

Last Phase

Italy, it is reported, will get domination of the Adriatic and the Aegean and large territories, in return for which she will modify her demands on French North Africa.

The last phase of the scheme envisages Axis entrenchment in Dakar, Casablanca and south-west Spain to combat American aid.—International News Service.

SECRET HESS MISSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Despite official statements to the contrary, the London newspapers broadly hint that Hess came to Britain on some kind of self-constituted mission, perhaps to reveal the innermost Nazi secrets.

The "Daily Mail" quoted Hess as saying "I have important news for Mr. Churchill."

The "Daily Express" says: "Hess has an important statement for us. He may also have a mission."

The "Daily Mirror" declares that Hess, now in a military hospital somewhere in England, is spending as much time as possible writing.

THE PAPER SAYS: "IT MAY WELL BE HE IS WORKING ON A MOST IMPORTANT HISTORICAL DOCUMENT. OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, DO NOT INDICATE THE NATURE OF HIS WRITINGS."

One conjecture is that Hess is convinced that the power of the United States, especially if it is brought into the war, will doom Germany.—International News Service.

ISOLATIONISTS ON NO-WAR PATH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PLUNGING THE U.S. Senate into a full-dress debate on the international situation, Senator Vandenberg yesterday termed the Ship Seizure Bill a "clear, unequivocal and provocative act of war."

He pleaded for an amendment prohibiting the transfer of the ships to Britain.

Earlier Chairman Bailey of the Commerce Committee stated that the Assistant Secretary of State,

ese guerrillas.

This is the second of the new expresses recently brought from Japan to be wrecked by a land-mine explosion.

On May 7, the first express was badly damaged when it ran into a mine near Soochow, 60 miles west of Shanghai.—Reuter.

Mr. Breckinridge, in long secret testimony, had pledged that the Administration plans to use all requisitioned ships solely for Latin-America and other non-war areas.

Non-interventionists indicated they would concentrate on a restrictive amendment and would postpone a showdown against the convoy amendment until after the President's fire-side chat.—International News Service.



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"THE FREEDOM-LOVING AND PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES OF THIS EARTH ARE COMING TO REALISE THAT THIS IS NOT BRITAIN'S FIGHT ALONE," DECLARED THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR, MR. JOHN WINANT, ADDRESSING AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION LUNCHEON GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

"On the wise use by the navies of the world may hang the destinies of the world's free people," Mr. Winant continued.

"A kindly providence at this time of stress and danger has placed at the heads of the two great English-speaking peoples two men whose knowledge of the sea is probably greater than any statesmen of any time.

"The problems before them in the defence of their countries are not simple problems but complicated ones.

"The common ideals of the English-speaking peoples of the world are not ideals from which other people are excluded; they are ideals alien in no country that loves liberty and hates tyranny.

"To-day the English-speaking peoples again are being drawn together in a struggle to preserve not only their common heritage but the common ideals of civilised men everywhere.

"With Machiavellian cunning, totalitarian tyranny has sought to weaken and undermine national unity in those countries whose freedom they would destroy.

Grim Experience

"So far the totalitarians have been appallingly successful. Experience has proved they have a way of keeping their threats and breaking their promises.

"One by one they have destroyed one nation after another, and for men and women of goodwill there is only one choice.

"WHEN THE DICTATORS CONSPIRE TOGETHER, MEN AND WOMEN OF GOODWILL EVERYWHERE MUST ACT TOGETHER."

Crowning Virtue

Mr. Winant said: "It is probably the crowning virtue of the English-speaking countries that they recognise and respect virtue wherever they find it and are not inclined to beguile themselves with the primitive and barbaric idea that they themselves have a monopoly of it.

"That is the reason that to-day, throughout Europe and throughout the world, common people of all races and all religions are hoping and praying and, wherever given a chance, fighting for victory for Britain and for the English-speaking countries which rally to Britain's aid.

"Only this week in London, in the early morning hours of the Sabbath Day, enemy bombs destroyed the House of Commons room of Parliament and smashed the altar of Westminster Abbey.

"These two hits seemed to me to symbolize the objectives of dictator and pagan.

"I Was Proud"

"Across the street from the wreckage of these two great historic buildings of State and Church, the statue of Abraham Lincoln was still standing.

"As I looked at the bowed figure of the great emancipator and thought of his life, I could not help but remember that he loved God, that he had defined

and represented Democratic Government and that he hated slavery.

"And as an American I was proud that he was there in all that wreckage as a friend and sentinel of the gallant days that have gone by and as a reminder that in this great battle for freedom he waited quietly for the support of those things for which he lived and died."—British Wireless.

Speaking on the same occasion, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, said the ignominious aim for which Germans must now suffer and die was to seek to enslave others but this conception was the crudest fantasy.

Forces Of History

Europe would never be composed of one master race and a score of subject races. The Nazis were fighting against the natural forces of history and were seeking to reverse the flow of the rivers of time.

It was therefore not surprising to find among the small group of men trying to impose their rule by force evidence of dissension.

In this one might find a partial explanation at least of the recent parachute descent that so much electrified the world.

Greatest Hope

In the growing Anglo-American understanding lay the greatest hope for the world's future.

Mr. Eden concluded: "We share the same traditions and we here know you understand when we say that rather than yield up the faith in which we believe we are prepared to suffer whatever it may be that German might can impose."—Reuter.

FIGHTERS SWEEP ON OSTEND

Ostend aerodrome was attacked by R.A.F. fighters at about dawn yesterday, when one pair of Hurricanes swept across the aerodrome at 100 feet.

The squadron leader gave a short burst at a large hangar and saw a brilliant red explosion.

An Australian pilot officer following closely fired two bursts at a barrack block and hangars. Another pair of Hurricanes, flying low over the Belgian coast, fired at gun posts between an aerodrome and the sea. They silenced and caused casualties to the crews.

Our fighters flew through intense A.A. fire but suffered no damage and returned safely. — British Wireless.

IRAQ TALKS IN ANKARA

Shawket Ali, Iraq Defence Minister, had an interview yesterday with the Soviet Ambassador in Ankara and with President Inonu, reports Toulouse radio quoted by Reuter.

LATEST POSITION IN IRAQ

The latest position in Iraq was defined by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Small forces of the R.A.F. at Habbaniyah had successfully beaten off an attack by Iraqi forces and now control the whole area round the cantonment, Mr. Eden said.

Both they and the Imperial forces at Basra were being rapidly reinforced and vigorous air actions were being carried out by the R.A.F. against military objectives throughout Iraq. The British Government, said Mr. Eden, is convinced that the action of Raschid Ali and his supporters in launching an attack on a loyal ally of their country is not upheld by the Iraqi people as a whole.

The British Government never had any intention to threaten the independence of Iraq. Their sole desire had been to maintain their treaty rights.—Reuter.

LORD GORT TAKES NEW COMMAND

Lord Gort, new Governor of Gibraltar, assumed command yesterday when he took the oath of allegiance at Government House, says Reuter.

DARLAN SELL-OUT NOT YET AT ITS FINAL STAGES

WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES IN VICHY ARE OF OPINION THAT THE FRANCO-GERMAN DISCUSSIONS HAVE COVERED A WIDER FIELD THAN MERE ECONOMIC MATTERS AND THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE FINAL STAGES, THE SWISS RADIO REPORTED LAST NIGHT.

The negotiations, it is said, dealt with France's place in the new Europe of Germany and Italy.

It is also reported that the Armistice clause will be revised and a new demarcation line established between the occupied and unoccupied zones.

Nothing definite is yet known of French concessions to Berlin, but the main German idea seems to be to oppose the Anglo-Saxon industrial bloc by an European industrial bloc in which the French metallurgical and mining industries would play an important part.

THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN HITLER AND ADMIRAL DARLAN TOOK PLACE AT BERCHTESGADEN, ACCORDING TO THE SWISS RADIO QUOTING VICHY REPORTS.

Ribbentrop and Field-Marshal Keitel were present.

Hitler Visiting Paris?

Darlan arrived by special train from Paris accompanied by the Nazi Ambassador there, Abetz, and Commandant Fontaine of the French Ministry of Marine.

The Swiss announcer added it had been unofficially stated in Vichy that Darlan would shortly go to Paris, where he would have a fresh meeting with "a high German personality," with a view to putting into operation the agreement already reached in principle. — Reuter.

Marshal Petain Receives Warning

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The action of the French Council of Ministers in approving Admiral Darlan's negotiations for German-Franco collaboration followed a conference between Marshal Petain and the United States Ambassador, Admiral Leahy, in which French neutrality and the question of food supplies was discussed.

It is stated that Admiral Leahy brought pressure on Marshal Petain to prevent him from giving Germany military assistance.

It is not known what concessions were given by Admiral Darlan, but there are continued rumours in diplomatic circles that Hitler has modified the terms of the Franco-German armistice in exchange for the passage of German troops through Morocco and unoccupied France for an attack on Gibraltar.—International News Service.

HITLER'S NEXT MOVE: ANKARA SPECULATION

MAIN TOPIC OF CONVERSATION IN ANKARA IS WHERE THE GERMANS WILL MOVE NEXT; MOST FAVOURED SPOT IS SYRIA.

Yalcin, in the newspaper "Yenisabah," declares the Germans will probably try to invade Egypt via Syria but adds that the hope they will try and get to Syria is their affair — "in any case they will not pass through Turkey, that we know definitely."

Other newspapers carry unconfirmed reports that German bombers have arrived at Mosul.

Many people in Ankara are of opinion that Hitler is trying to persuade Darlan to convince

Marshal Petain to allow German troops and planes to land in Syria, whence they would proceed to Iraq.

Another group point out that the Germans have at present 48 divisions in Moldavia, which is more than the number there before the invasion of the Balkans.

Threat To Stalin

They add the Germans are known to have concentrated large sea-going barges on the lower Danube.

This they regard to mean that Hitler either intends attacking Russia or else will use the threat of invasion to secure concessions from Stalin.

The Turkish Government is regarding the situation coolly and continues to take the defence measures for which the National Assembly voted an extra credit of 13,500,000 Turkish pounds. — Reuter.

DANGEROUS FUEL HANDLING CHARGE

Cheng Sing and Lai Fook, joint owners of the steam launch "Che Sang", appeared before Commander J. Jolly at the Marine Court this morning, charged with permitting their launch to function in an unsafe condition by burning oil fuel in the boiler in such a manner as to expose the launch to danger of an explosion.

Both pleaded guilty and were each fined \$80.

Shuttlecock Operations In Desert: British Initiative Mechanised Troops In Action

OPERATIONS IN THE Western Desert continue to be of a shuttlecock nature, and after Monday's German thrust the British forces have taken the initiative by pressing home with mechanised forces in the Sollum area and also harassing the enemy columns surrounding Tobruk.

Military circles in Cairo consider the German thrust was planned temporarily to throw out of gear the effectiveness of the ever-increasing British armoured patrols.

The temperatures have again shot upward in North Africa and with a continued blazing sun widespread operations become difficult. Military circles are confident, however, that whatever tactics the enemy chooses these will be countered by equally vigorous assaults by the British Imperial forces.

Reuters special correspondent with a mobile patrol in the Western Desert says that not only are the Germans being held on the whole of the 50-mile front, some 40 miles inside the Egyptian border, but reconnaissance planes reported yesterday morning that one or two of the five columns appear to be withdrawing.

This may mean they have had to abandon the intention of thrusting along the coast simultaneously with an attempt to cut off the Allied forces by a southward sweep across the desert. At the moment it is still not clear whether this attack is a full-scale effort or only a big raid intended to test the strength of the Allied force and positions.

Hesitant Standstill

Soon after pushing forward at sunrise on Monday the Germans met Allied advanced defensive screens and artillery shelled the clouds of swirling dust which marked the positions of the advancing German eight-wheeled armoured cars and tanks.

This brought them to a hesitant standstill.

While they were trying unsuccessfully to feel a way through the Allied positions, fighter planes suddenly swooped down on them from the sun, sending them scurrying in all directions.

First Action

Plane after plane swept low through the dust clouds all through the day until darkness over the desert swallowed armoured cars and tanks.

In these operations South African Air Force units were in action for the first time in the Western Desert. They had arrived from Eritrea. — Reuters.

Limited Offensive

A limited offensive operation from Tobruk and the withdrawal of the enemy to his original position in the Sollum area, were announced in a G.H.Q. communique in Cairo yesterday.

The communique says: Tobruk—during a limited offensive operation carried out by our troops from Tobruk two German medium tanks were captured and many casualties inflicted on the enemy. In the Sollum area the enemy has again withdrawn to his original position south and west of Sollum, where he is being continuously harassed by our mechanised patrols.

In Abyssinia

In Abyssinia, despite road obstruction and other physical difficulties, our two forces, converging on Amba Alagi are making satisfactory progress.

In the lakes area south of Addis Ababa a further success has been gained by the cap-

ture of a strongly defended enemy position. Prisoners taken number 500 with two batteries of artillery, five light tanks and one anti-tank gun.

Our troops have also occupied Algha, an important post north of Yavello, while on the Neghelli-Dalle road the pursuit of the enemy is continuing.

IN AN ACTION ON MONDAY WITH THE ENEMY REAR-GUARD, WHICH WAS DRIVEN BACK WITH HEAVY LOSSES, OUR TROOPS CAPTURED OVER 100 PRISONERS.

In Iraq the situation is quiet. — Reuters.

Hess Again!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Authoritative circles in Cairo believe that Rudolf Hess might reveal information regarding Axis troop dispositions in the Western Desert.

The theory is supported by the fact that the German five-pronged attack in the desert was launched without aircraft, an extraordinary departure from traditional Nazi ground and air blitz tactics, and without supply columns. International News Service.

ATTACK IN LINE ABREAST

Aircraft of the Bomber Command struck a sharp blow at Heligoland in full daylight when they attacked in line abreast at 150 feet, states the Air Ministry news service.

Before the defences could open up the pilots had seen their targets and were bearing down upon them.

Covering the fortified area of the island the aircraft dropped sticks of high explosive bombs. Columns of smoke mixed with dust and debris of shattered buildings rose immediately and spread over the ground to obscure the cliffs.

The pilot who led the attack said: "It was a perfect theoretical raid carried out in practice. We came in at exactly the right spot after more than two hours' flying."

"Below us we saw the targets as we had seen them on photographs in the briefing room."

During the attack the front and rear gunners poured bullets into the streets and naval barracks.

A German flying boat which appeared above the British aircraft was also machine-gunned. — British Wireless.

Raschid Ali In Isolation

Reports from Iraq show that not a single tribal chief is among persons who have sent telegrams of congratulation to Raschid Ali in connection with his anti-British movement.

Only prominent Iraqi personality who has expressed sympathy with the movement is Na Suwaidi, brother of the ex-Foreign Minister, Tewfik Suwaidi. All others abstained.

Raschid Ali's closest supporters appear to have been drawn from a little known clique of malcontents and intriguers.

It is recalled that Raschid Ali himself spent a year in confinement in 1936 and afterwards went to Berlin for medical treatment. — Reuters.

NAZIS FEAR DAMAGING HESS REVELATIONS

THE LETTER LEFT behind in Germany by Rudolf Hess contains no sign that the Nazi Deputy Fuehrer deserted in consequence of hallucinations; according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten" yesterday this was officially stated in Berlin.

The statement, the correspondent adds, warns the public against drawing conclusions from statements by Hess from England which Britain will use for propaganda purposes and which already have been branded as "obtained under duress."

Meanwhile officers of the Special Branch of Scotland Yard throughout yesterday were checking all callers at the hospital where Hess is detained. A military guard has also been posted at the gates and only authorised persons are being allowed to pass.

A horde of newsreel men yesterday descended upon MacLean, the Scottish ploughman who captured Hess, and begged him to re-enact his part in the affair.

MacLean declared: "I'm now wanting to be a film star—I've no time to go to the pictures." When the newsreel men said they would come back later, MacLean replied "It will need to be later. A ploughman's work is never done."

More Trouble

In response to their entreaties he said: "You can take me while

I'm ploughing," so the cameramen staggered over the rough ploughed field and MacLean, greatly amused, said to his horse: "You can think a lot more of yourself to-day, Silver."

When the photographers had finished, MacLean told them: "You people coming up here and keeping me off my work, have been more trouble than the German was." — Reuters.

REFUGEES FROM BALKANS IN INDIA

The Government of the United Provinces (says Reuters from Nainital) is arranging for accommodation in Nainital for about 60 refugees from the Balkans who recently arrived in India.

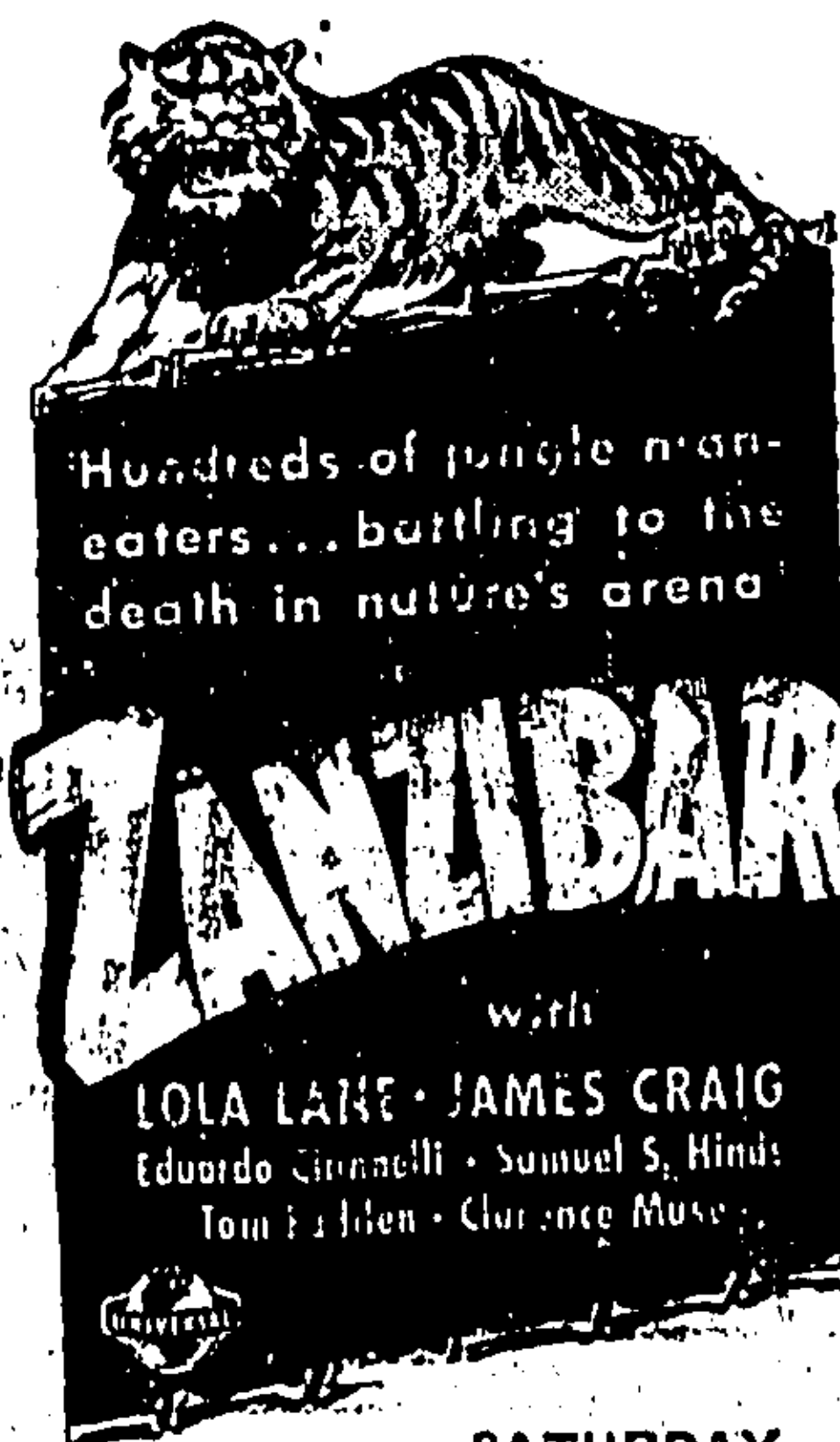


In order to overcome the perils of Nazi fire bombs every able bodied man between 16 and 60 not already engaged on civil defence, is now liable to immediate call-up in the new fire-fighting service. For the first time in British history civilians will be conscripted to give up to 48 hours a month guarding office, factory or home. Photo shows a voluntary fire watcher equipped for action on the roof of a London building. (Copyright, Fox).

PEIPING BOYCOTT

Questioned in the Commons by Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons) on what action he had taken with reference to the declaration by the chairman of the Peiping People's Anti-British Association, that no leniency should be shown anybody openly selling British goods, the Foreign Secretary said he had called for a report and would then consider what action may be appropriate. — Reuters.

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BATTLE OF ATLANTIC: WE SHALL SEE IT THROUGH

"WE SHALL SEE IT THROUGH," DECLARED MR. L. S. AMERY, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA, SPEAKING AT COVENTRY LAST EVENING AND REFERRING TO THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC.

After recalling how the first air Battle of Britain last autumn "put an end to all Hitler's dreams of walking into and over our unarmed England," Mr. Amery said: "A second air and submarine battle, covering both Britain and its Atlantic approaches, is in progress. It calls for all our energy and skill to meet it."

"We shall see it through and however long it continues Hitler will be no nearer the goal of his ambition here than he was when he gave up the first Battle of Britain six months ago."

Alluding to the Balkans, Mr. Amery said: "The strain thrown upon Germany in the wholly unexpected campaign in the Balkans may well have thrown out of gear the whole of Hitler's plans for a victorious march across Turkey."

"ITS EFFECTS UPON GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS AND SOURCES OF SUPPLY MAY INDEED BE FELT FULLY IN THE COURSE OF THE COMING MONTHS."

Iraq Affair

Dealing with Iraq, Mr. Amery said a highly dangerous situation had been developing. We had forced Raschid Ali and his clique to show their hand in a vain hope that German help could reach them in time.

We had lanced a dangerous boil just as it came to a head.

"In the action we have taken we have entertained no designs against Iraq's independence for which we as a country — and, I might add, I myself when formerly in office — have done everything in our power."

"We ask for no more than fulfilment of those obligations of an alliance which Iraq accepted freely as the only effective guarantee of her own security." — Reuter.

True Perspective

Mr. Amery said that to judge the actual war situation it was necessary to see it in true perspective.

He continued: "A year ago the German army and air force were sweeping irresistibly across Holland and Belgium."

"Within a few weeks the splendid army of France, mainstay of European freedom on land, was shattered like a pane of glass into helpless fragments and France herself, dazed and bewildered, allowed herself to be handed over, bound and gagged, to a merciless conqueror."

Command Of Channel

"Here we had a handful of trained soldiers, salvaged miraculously at the sacrifice of all their equipment, and a larger force of men both untrained and unequipped for modern war."

"Nothing was wanted to assure for Hitler that triumphant entry into London whose date he had already fixed but a few days' command of the air over the Channel and Southern England, and for that he looked confidently to his overwhelming air force."

"While the heart of the Empire was aware of the immediate deadly peril, General Wavell at its main gateway in the Middle East, was facing Italian forces three or four times stronger than his own on each side of him."

In the Mediterranean General Wavell's brilliant campaigns not only annihilated both Italian armies that had been so laboriously assembled for his destruction but actually enabled him to do what none could have dreamt of last autumn, despatch a substantial force to support the Greeks in their heroic and most amazing stand against overwhelming forces.

Crete

"Together with our unconquerable Greek allies we hold Crete with its immensely important strategic position."

"What is far more important than these purely material gains is the proof we have given to the world that we know how to stand by our friends."

Emphasising that this is total war, not only in the sense that all share its dangers but that all must be in to the last ounce of energy, Mr. Amery added, "It is a matter in which every individual has his own personal duty to fulfil."

It is also a matter in which it is for all who naturally or officially are looked to for leadership to give a clear lead whether they be employers or Trade Union leaders, Members of Parliament or Ministers of the crown.

"No existing vested interests or habits or usages must be allowed to stand in the way of the fullest utilisation of all the energies of the nation. All tracks must be cleared for the War Express Unlimited." — British Wireless.

Daylight Raiders

Bombs were dropped by single aircraft at points on the south coast, in the east Midlands and in eastern England yesterday, says an Air Ministry communique.

Little damage was done and the number of casualties was small.

Total planes destroyed in daylight on Sunday, May 11, it is now stated, was six, and AA guns have now claimed an additional success.

One bomber was brought down over England on Tuesday night. — Reuter.

FRANCE'S QUISLING

A CABLE FROM GENERAL DE GAULLE WAS READ AT A LARGE MEETING OF FREE FRENCH IN SYDNEY YESTERDAY URGING A REDOUBLING OF THE ATTACKS ON VICHY AND DECLARING THAT DARLAN WAS FRANCE'S QUISLING AND THE AGENT OF GERMANY.

M. Brenae, Sydney Free French leader, said Free French in Australia were with the French people in the struggle against Germany.

There were emotional scenes at the meeting and cries of "Vive la France" and "Vive Australia." — Reuter.

KING AND QUEEN VISIT ABBEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The King and Queen yesterday inspected the damage done to Westminster Abbey during the air attack on Saturday. Later they drove to the Houses of Parliament. — International News Service.

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INDIAN CAPTURE OF POSITIONS AT AMBA ALAGI

HOW INDIAN TROOPS at dawn on May 10 successfully attacked and captured further heights east of the enemy positions at Amba Alagi, in Abyssinia, is told in a vivid account received in Simla yesterday from an Indian Army eye-witness.

The first two hills were taken without much resistance but after the capture of the third hill a heavy counter-attack was launched, and our positions were fiercely bombarded by light mountain artillery and mortars.

The Indians' experience of warfare on the North-West Frontier stood them in good stead and they held their ground.

The country is extraordinarily difficult and remarkable work was done by Indian soldiers in mule columns.

One outstanding exploit among many was a bayonet charge led by an Indian officer. An enemy machine-gun post singled him out but he miracu-

ously escaped the stream of bullets and silenced the post. Another instance was during a desperate enemy counter-attack when a sepoy stood right out in the open hurling hand-grenades into the advancing Italians. Continuous thunderstorms and heavy rains have failed entirely to damp our men's spirits and a stream of prisoners, including many officers, is being evacuated to the rear. -Reuter.

HUSBAND WHO SHOT WIFE

The question whether the estate of a wife passed, under her will, to her husband or whether she died intestate after being shot by the husband, who immediately after took his own life, was decided in a summons in the Chancery Division before Mr. Justice Farwell, who held that there was an intestacy.

The summons was taken out by the administrators of the will of Mrs. Evelyn Morton Pollock, of Erehon Manor, near Devizes, who died on June 11 last year from a wound caused by a revolver bullet fired by her husband, Mr. Hamilton Rivers Pollock, who afterwards took his own life.

Mrs. Pollock's estate was valued at over £39,000 and her husband's at £16,625.

Mr. Justice Farwell, giving judgment, said: "There is no evidence to show what was the state of Mr. Pollock's mind at the moment his wife died. Where one person kills another, that person is not entitled to participate in the estate of the person who has been murdered. "Although the court could come to the conclusion that the husband killed the wife, the state of mind of the husband at the time has not been proved. I must come to the conclusion that it is the duty of the administrators to act on the assumption that the husband is not entitled, in all the circumstances, to benefit in any way in the estate of his wife."

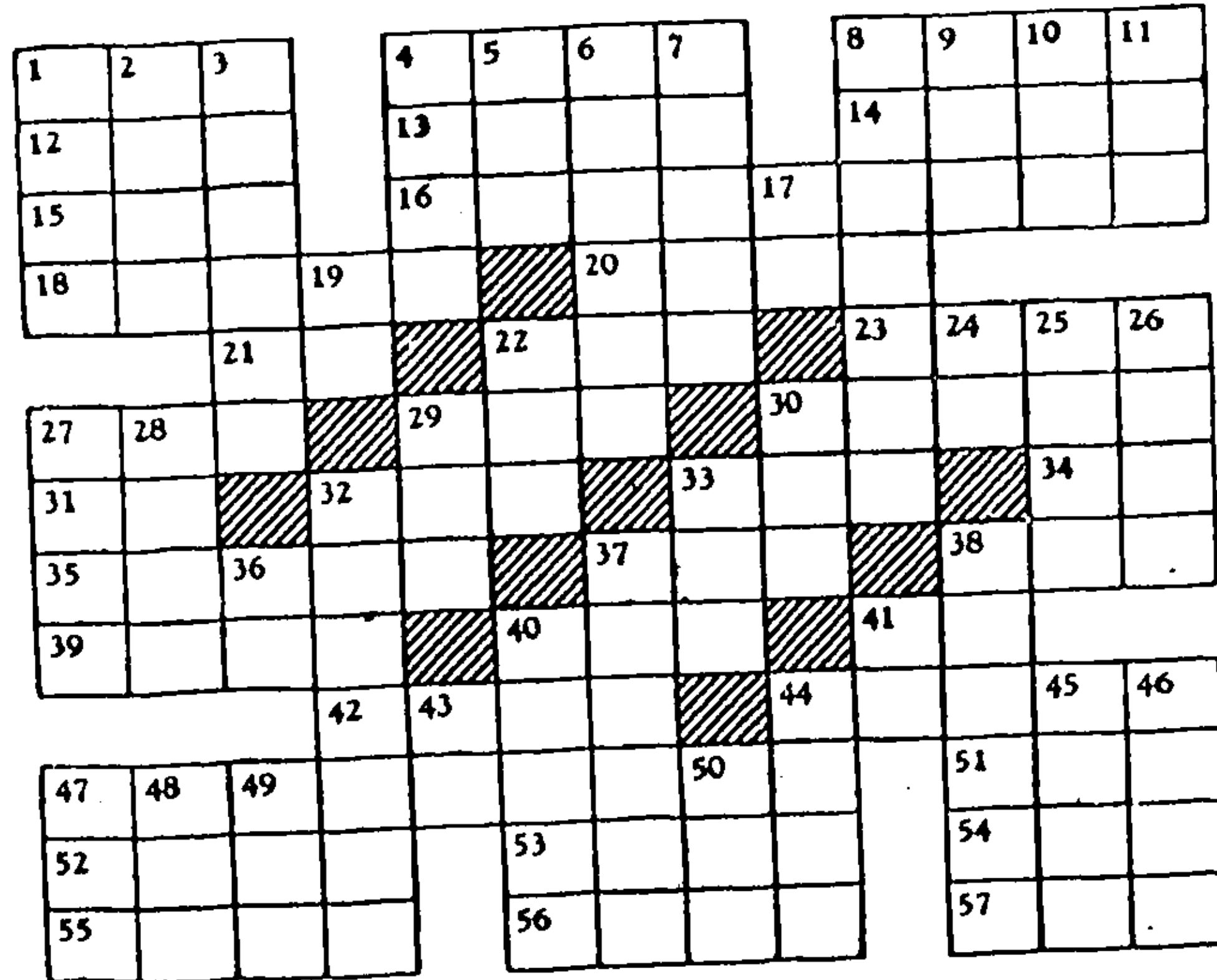
RABBITS AS FOOD FOR PETS

In her concern over the shortage of food for household pets, Mrs. Constance Hyatt, of Hounslow has written to the King suggesting that offal, rabbit, or horse-flesh might be made available. The letter has been forwarded to the Ministry of Food.

Mrs. Hyatt laments that since then there has been an official intimation that no more birdseed is to be imported and that, while we import frozen rabbits, home-bred ones are to be gassed. It is true that rabbits are being gassed, at the instigation of the Ministry of Agriculture. "Four rabbits eat as much as a sheep," said an official "and 40 rabbits as much as a dairy cow."

"The rabbits we import are dead ones. The difficulty about providing home-bred ones is that of obtaining the men to kill them." A certain amount of horseflesh was available for dogs, but the demand had not been very great."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 To leap
- 4 Short for "Elizabeth"
- 8 Greek letter
- 12 Wing
- 13 Aloud
- 14 God of love
- 15 Nothing
- 16 To listen secretly
- 18 Poetic grief
- 20 Footless animal
- 21 Whether
- 22 Insect
- 23 Entry
- 27 To wander
- 29 Humorist
- 30 Underground creature
- 31 King of Bashan
- 32 Acted
- 33 Gear tooth
- 34 Exists
- 35 To commence
- 37 Speck
- 38 Music: as written
- 39 Mental image
- 40 Roman bronze
- 41 Pronoun
- 42 Formal dance
- 44 Pine-knot lamp

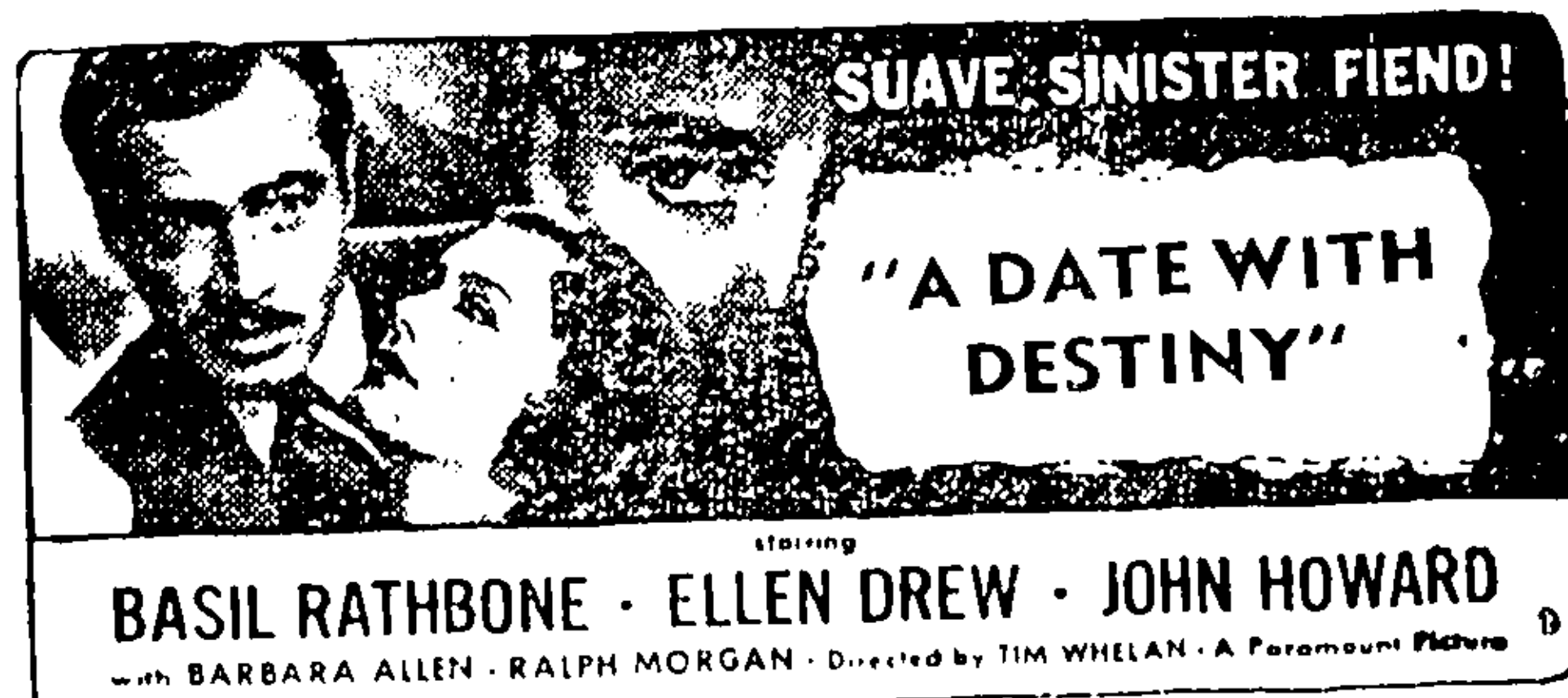
VERTICAL

- 1 Style of penmanship
- 2 Medley
- 3 Pale
- 4 Dutch colonist in S. Africa
- 5 Period of time
- 6 Learned man
- 7 Slumbered
- 8 Foundation
- 9 To be mistaken
- 10 Also
- 11 Poisonous snake
- 17 Therefore
- 19 Concerning
- 22 Help
- 24 Toward
- 25 To give off
- 26 Tableland
- 27 Mongolian desert
- 28 Old
- 29 To triumph
- 30 Acquired
- 32 Game of skill
- 33 Lettuce genus
- 36 Earth goddess
- 37 To trick
- 38 To struggle
- 40 To change
- 41 Butterfly
- 43 Land measure
- 44 To care for
- 45 Stomach of an animal
- 46 To abominate
- 47 Eggs
- 48 Swordsman's stake
- 49 To tap
- 50 By birth

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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Hess Knows All: No Deluded Messiah Of Peace

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"HESS KNOWS ALL HITLER'S PLANS AND THE GERMAN CAPACITY AND IS WRITING AND TALKING FREELY," IS THE PHRASE THAT TEN TIMES A DAY IS BEING DRILLED INTO THE GERMANS FROM AUGMENTED GERMAN TRANSMISSIONS BY THE B.B.C., AND "IS CERTAIN TO MAKE THE GERMANS NERVOUS," ACCORDING TO A LONDON SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY.

Ridiculing the German suggestion that Hess is "a deluded Messiah of peace," the B.B.C. stressed: "Hess thinks it wiser to be a prisoner of war in Britain than to stay in Germany and wait for the day of reckoning."

The B.B.C. implied that Hess is giving information voluntarily, and authoritative quarters emphasise that nothing Hess has disclosed will swerve British determination to win a military victory rather than a diplomatic compromise.

The Press Association in London confirms that Hess definitely fled with the hope of contacting the Duke of Hamilton, the amateur boxer whom he met at the Berlin Olympics. It is not indicated what Hess hoped to arrange had he met the Duke. (According to the German version, Hess wanted the Duke of Hamilton to lead a peace movement "against the Churchill clique").

Duke's Position

There is not the slightest suggestion from either side that the Duke, who is an ardent patriot, had any plans to collaborate with Hess.

THE DUKE, BETTER KNOWN AS THE MARQUESS OF CLYDESDALE, IS A FAMOUS AIRMAN AND ALPINIST AND AT PRESENT IS ON ACTIVE SERVICE AS AIR COMMODORE IN THE R.A.F.

His estate in Scotland is now a convalescent home for war wounded.

Meanwhile, though the contents of Hess's letter to the Duke of Hamilton, written some months ago have not been disclosed, the missive must have been some sort of proposal worthy of the attention of the British Intelligence, to whom the Duke handed it. — International News Service.

UNUSUAL FARE

NAPOLEON'S AXIOM THAT AN ARMY TRAVELS ON ITS STOMACH WAS ILLUSTRATED IN A NEW WAY BY A SOLDIER EN ROUTE FROM LONDON TO MANCHESTER TELLING A TICKET COLLECTOR ON THE TRAIN THAT HE HAD MISTAKENLY SWALLOWED THE RETURN HALF OF HIS TICKET.

Refusing at first to swallow the story, the ticket collector was finally convinced by the soldier's offer either to be X-rayed on arrival at Manchester or there and then to drink a stiff glass of salt and water and make himself sick.

Neither the X-ray nor the suggested "return of the swallow" was however, accepted, and the soldier was then allowed to digest his unusual fare without being asked for more fare.

WROTE BATTLE SONG

The man who wrote "Waltzing Matilda," the poem set to music which has become the battle song of the Australian forces, has died in Sydney aged seventy-six. He was A. B. (Banjo) Paterson, Australia's best known poet.

"Waltzing Matilda" was the song the Australian soldiers sang as they marched into Baghdad and Benghazi.

STIFF FINES

Pleading guilty through their solicitor, Mr. H. L. Kwan, to a breach of the Defence Regulations by attempting to export petrol without a permit from the Controller of Trade, Lo Kun-yau, 46, steersman of lighter No. 1939V, and Cheung Kau, 39, steersman of lighter No. 2705V, were fined \$400 and \$750, respectively, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Some 2,000 tins of petrol were found on board first accused's lighter when it was stopped by a Water Police patrol in the Sulphur Channel at 6.30 a.m. yesterday, and 4,000 tins were found on second accused's lighter in the East Lamma Channel at 8.45 a.m. the same day.

Both accused told the police that they were bound for Cheung Chau Island.

BOY IN THIEF PARTNERSHIP

Before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, Leung Ming, 25, and a 13-year-old boy were charged with snatching \$3.60 from a woman, Leung Sze, in Reclamation Street yesterday.

Sergeant Whitcroft stated that the woman was purchasing vegetables from a hawker when the boy struck her hand, causing the money to fall. First accused picked it up and started to run.

Both accused were chased and arrested by passers-by.

First accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour, while the case of the lad was transferred to the Juvenile Court for sentence.

CHARGE OF FALSE PRETENCE

Chu Sau-fung, 30, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with obtaining money by false pretences, on March 10, from Yim Siu-mau, of 234, Third Street.

It was alleged that accused obtained \$200, on pretending that it was to pay for a share in a certain business.

Accused was remanded for 48 hours for further enquiries. Bail of \$300 was allowed.

Detective Sergeant J. R. Sykes is in charge of the case.

DYNAMITE THEFT

Charged with stealing dynamite from the No. 18 A.R.P. Tunnel site in Shing Ping Street yesterday, Chan Siu, 24, and Chan Chi, 23, were each fined \$100, or two months' hard labour, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

Detective Sergeant V. Morrison said the dynamite was found in their possession when they left the tunnel last night.

PREMIER'S DAUGHTER BETROTHED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The engagement of Mary Churchill, daughter of the Prime Minister, to the 28-year-old Earl of Duncannon, is expected to be announced in London. — International News Service.

UNITY AFTER WAR

Mr. W. J. Brown, general secretary of the Civil Service Clerical Association, broadcasting, said that any attempt to solve the problems of transition from war to peace on party lines would be fatal.

"Mr. Churchill, in his aside in the House of Commons a week or so ago," he said, "made it plain that he and the Government realise this. He contemplates the continuance of National Government for a defined period after the war, and a national approach to the problems of the transition period."

"There is, I think, ground for reasonable hope that, when this war ends, we shall not slip back into the old ways, and that the principle of economic security will find its place in the world which we are rebuilding when war is done."

"Peace, economic security, fellowship—it may be that only out of the crucible of such ordeals as we are now experiencing the golden metal of these things could come."

MURDER CHARGE

Ho Sau-chun, alias Ho Tat-wan, 26, described as an unemployed cook boy, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, with murder.

It was alleged that Ho was responsible for the death of Lam Ching-chuen, who was fatally stabbed outside No. 426, Lockhart Road, at about 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

At the request of Detective Inspector L. R. Whant, accused was formally remanded for a week.

AMAH SENTENCED

Two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, at Kowloon this morning, on Wong Shun, 23, amah, who was convicted of stealing a \$500 note from her employer, Lo Siu-san, 25, engineer, of No. 48, Cheungshan Road.

ANTI-CHOLERA PRECAUTIONS

Eight food stall-keepers were fined \$10 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, at Kowloon this morning, for failing to wash dishes, chopsticks and bowls with boiling water before and after serving customers.

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NAZI THEORY

Hermann Rauschning, earlier example of a Hitler enthusiast who found he could not go on, has expressed a theory that Hitler does not really want to destroy the British Empire. For this he gives two reasons. Hitler is not ready to take over the world inheritance of Great Britain. Too sudden collapse might actually bring the greater immediate profit to certain rivals of the Nazi Reich, who have their homelands outside Europe.

In the second place, Hitler does not want to embark on the destruction of the British Empire because that obviously cannot be accomplished without some very heavy fighting; and in the course of such a struggle it may very well be that decadent and degenerate Britain may find her soul and her strength again. Better let the British Empire succumb to the inevitable process of decay which now has it in its grip than risk a Britain rejuvenated through war. Such is the Rauschning theory.

But if this was the original strategy with respect to Great Britain, it must surely be evident that now it is too late. The harm has been done. To any one reading the bulletins these last eight months from the skies over London, from the River Plate, from Coventry, from Glasgow, from Plymouth, from Libya, from East Africa, from Greece, from Taranto, from Liverpool, from Bristol, it must be plain that any process of decay has been pretty well arrested.

If it was Hitler's original idea to kill the British Empire with kindness, the opportunity disappeared after Dunkirk. Nazi philosophers gave the British Empire just one more generation before it succumbed to fatty decay of the heart. But another generation of British decline at the rate since Dunkirk might easily find the British invalid playing a good game of tennis on the Rhine.

Hitler's gloom over the rebirth of Great Britain in the fires of war may be accentuated by the thought that it actually leaves the British Commonwealth stronger than ever. That does not usually happen in the re-

SHADOW - LAND



HITLER: I WARN YOU. THIS MUST NOT AGAIN OCCUR, HERR HIMMLER.
HIMMLER: MY PERSONAL OBSERVATION ASSURES ME THAT ALREADY, MY DEAR FUEHRER, ALL PRECAUTIONS TAKEN HAVE BEEN.

Morale In London

By the Right Hon. J. C. Wedgwood, M.P.

Last war, when Jerry dropped a few bombs on the East End, men bolted blindly, women hid their faces, and children ran screaming. All cursed Government for not protecting them and the rich for escaping, and smashed the shops of German Jews. They felt that was expected of them, of all civilians. Danger and courage were then the exclusive perquisite of the armed forces.

This war, when the sky cracks and death hurtles down, all may be just as afraid, but they don't show it and try to joke about it. It is "bad form" to show fear. Public opinion is much stronger than any law.

If that miserable siren starts moaning when you are out shopping in the morning, everybody in the open is gripped in some degree by fear, although they

juvenation formulas known to science or legend. Usually the operation arrests decay for a term of years. If it leaves the patient only half as young or strong as he used to be, he is very well pleased.

In the present case it is obvious that Hitler's calculations started out with the British Empire, and he ends up facing the British Empire plus the United States. Hitler's advisers were afraid that a full-sized war would tone up the system of a competitor embracing, say, 80,000,000 English-speaking folk. Hitler's war has brought about a solid union of 200,000,000 English-speaking folk on both sides of the Atlantic. There is probably nothing like such a result in the annals of rejuvenation.

know there may be no Jerry which have played their part as within fifty miles and the odds against their being hit are demonstrably millions to one. Many may be inwardly terror-stricken; but see how hard they try not to look nervously up into the sky. Drivers may "step on the gas" a bit, because it doesn't show. The girls in uniform consciously walk on chatting, and other girls "don't like to do different." All do what is expected of them, show nothing; follow, or set, the approved example. That is as well, for fear is horribly infectious.

Why this change from twenty-five years ago?

This: This is a very united people. They know there is no way out. With all Europe behind him, Herr Hitler's "peace" could only give him time to hit again irresistibly by sea as well as air. To be fighting alone, deserted, in the last ditch, exalts one morally.

We are united also in intense appreciation and admiration, if not love, for the most remarkable Prime Minister, who will promise nothing save "toll and tears, blood and sweat," who invents only immortal phrases which shape our new lives.

"Grim and gay," says he, and the ruins around us take on a new aspect.

"We will fight on the landing grounds; we will fight in the streets," and straightway a million and a half men spring up, unpaid, to defend their homes.

"Never in the history of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few," and the thought of our boys in the air makes courage easy and fear shameful.

"It just goes rolling along," says he, and we see a dawn of hope, of irresistible reunion; with "the New World, stepping forth to the rescue and liberation of the Old."

Hitler has united us, Churchill has inspired us. But close behind comes a Press and Parliament

never before—free, determined, eloquent, but critical of every abuse of power. They have shown that there is something to fight for, as well as against.



There is yet something else, largely unnoticed, which has steeled our nerves. I come back to the truism with which I started. People will behave as they are expected to. Praise a man for fine qualities and he will seek to deserve that praise.

The British and British courage have been praised as never before in my lifetime, probably as never before in history; not by ourselves, which would be easy and valueless, but by those afar who have had much to criticise in our past. I think of the Dutch welcoming our death-dealing planes over Amsterdam and praying for the safety of our pilots of liberation.

Above all I think of America. Few can have read without deep emotion the press extracts and letters from America about our land and our Londoners. Few here have ever heard of Dallas. Yet far away there in Texas, a leading newspaper has this poem, quoted for us by the "Daily Express":

Do ye ken John Bull, with his cloths so red?

Do ye ken John Bull, with his up-flung head?

Do ye ken John Bull, with no sign of dread,

As he faces his fight in the morning?

And so on for many stanzas. If that adaptation had come from Calgary or Wagga-Wagga, or even from Aldershot, it would have been "jolly fine," and left a pleasing taste for the day. If it had come from Amsterdam or Athens, it would have been pathetic and inspiring. But from Dallas, in the Lone Star State, one gets a lump in the throat. It is good to have friends and relations who can appreciate it and us. We will see to it that they never have cause to change their vision.

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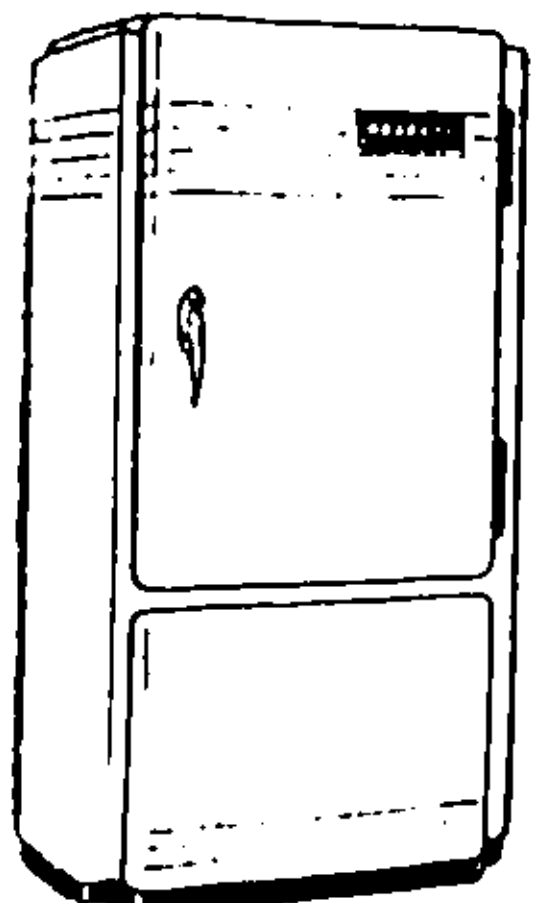
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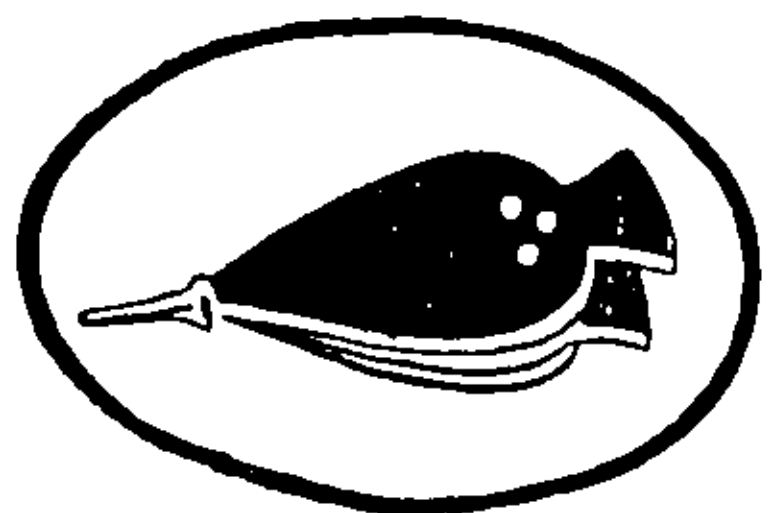


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WOMEN AND CHILDREN EVACUATED IN MIDST OF BATTLE

A VIVID STORY of how British women and children were evacuated from Habbaniyah to Basra amid the crash of bombs, the clatter of machine-guns and the intermittent bursting of shells, was told by members of the latest batch to arrive safely in Bombay yesterday.

Some of the party, which numbered 100 and was probably the last to leave Habbaniyah, had miraculous escapes when the planes in which they were being evacuated were subjected to "an unsuccessful baptism of fire" by Raschid Ali's men.

A high official of the British Colonial Office who has been in Iraq many years and who has arrived in India with his wife, said all was quiet at Basra, where Nutasari (the Iraqi provincial governor) was carrying on the administration as usual.

There was neither tension nor excitement perceptible, indicating that the rising is limited to a minority fed and inspired by Axis propagandists.

Raschid Ali's men assured a safe conduct for British women and children from Baghdad to Habbaniyah, whence they were to be flown in R.A.F. machines to Basra, but when the first plane took off from the airport it was fired on.

The evacuation, however, was carried out without interruption and without loss.—Reuter.

TRYING TO FRIGHTEN AMERICANS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GERMAN PROCLAMATION OF THE RED SEA AS A COMBAT ZONE, AFTER PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S ACTION IN CLEARING THAT AREA FOR AMERICAN SHIPPING, IS VIEWED IN WASHINGTON AS INJECTION OF A GRAVE NEW NOTE INTO THE QUESTION OF SUPPLYING WAR AID TO BRITAIN.

Officials indicate, however, that Washington will probably ignore Berlin's action.

The German move is regarded as an obvious attempt to halt the shipment of American supplies for Britain's armies in the Middle East.—International News Service.

GUARDS MEET THEIR MATCH

On the South and South-Western "fronts" of London was waged the "Battle of the Guards." It was Home Guards versus regular Guards.

Home Guards defended. The Guards attacked. Town halls, railway stations, bridges, and viaducts were the particular objectives.

The general objective was for the attackers—landed from parachutes in disguise—to penetrate the outskirts of London in this area, which comprised 15 boroughs.

NOT ONE DEFENCE AREA WAS SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED.

Five umpires—all experienced Army officers—agreed that the Home Guards' machine-gun posts were "disposed with all the skill of trained regulars."

Their effectiveness against every form of invader was marvellously good.

Their staff work and cooperation by field phones, wireless, and signalling from private houses was "worthy of Aldershot."

"RED BIDDY" PERIL IN WEST END HAUNTS

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Red Biddy is being served in a number of the newer West End night haunts under the guise of Lisbon Wine, brandy and other more attractive names, as many young officers have found out to their cost.

The chief constituent of "Red Biddy" is methylated spirit, to which colouring matter is added. Poured from a fancy-shaped bottle with a foreign label, it retails at 45s. a bottle.

Thanks to the blitz-free nights, London's night life has returned recently to something like pre-war prosperity.

Although several of the more notorious clubs have been closed down, many others have sprung up in the side streets off Piccadilly Circus.

"Fun After Hours"

The most shabby doorway in a side alley frequently leads to a scene of gaiety.

Dancing starts at an early hour, and attractive girls are waiting to partner the newcomer.

After indulging themselves at public-houses, young Servicemen in search of "fun after hours" often allow themselves to be palmed off with Red Biddy.

It is usually represented as the last of a consignment of pre-war wine which "cannot be obtained again."

The effects of Red Biddy upset the average person for a week. A small quantity will produce sleepiness and headaches.

Complaints have been made to the Customs and Excise authorities and prosecutions are likely to result.

**TRIED TO FIND
PARENTS**

A plea that he had been trying to find his parents who were in the Channel Isles when the German invasion took place was made for Sapper P. C. Hammond, twenty-nine, who at a Chatham court-martial was charged with desertion.

It was stated that Hammond was given leave to go to the Channel Isles. The Army saw nothing more of him until he was arrested in January working near Southampton.

The decision of the Court will be announced.

**WANTS FASCISTS
REMOVED**

Mr. J. C. Wedgwood (Soc., Newcastle-under-Lyne) wants persons who were British Fascists removed from important posts in the Services.

He is to ask the Home Secretary whether, in view of the danger of having in key positions those who were members of the British Union of Fascists at the outbreak of war, he will send their names to the heads of the various departments so that the risk to the State in case of invasion may be removed.

THE STRAIGHT PATH WAS HIS UNDOING

"I am not drunk!" protested a motorist to Police-Surgeon Daniel in Denver, Colorado, cables John Walters from New York.

"Then walk along this line," ordered Daniel. The motorist walked beautifully, and kept on walking right through a window.

Still protesting sobriety, the motorist was charged with intoxication.

SAVED BY GOING ON TO ROOF

Sir Robert Witt had a remarkable escape from death during a night raid on London.

"I was on the fifth floor of a house in which I was dining with two friends," he said, "and we were just finishing dinner when the raid became noisy. We decided to go on the roof to see what was happening. That meant going up a short staircase for we were already near the top and had only one floor above us."

"This curiosity saved our lives, for we had just reached the flat roof and were standing at the side of it when a bomb fell. Nothing was left of the room in which we had been dining; its piano was found at the bottom of the building."

"If we had been only a minute later in leaving the room we should not be here now. None of us was hurt, but getting down to the ground proved to be rather a lengthy process. We had to use ladders and ropes and it took us an hour."

Sir Robert Witt, senior partner in a well-known firm of solicitors, has been responsible for the acquisition of many national art treasures. He is chairman of the National Art Collections Fund which he helped to found and for many years was a trustee of the National Gallery and the Tate Gallery.

SWANSEA'S BOMB DAMAGE

It may now be stated that among the noted buildings destroyed in the three raids on Swansea were St. Mary's Church and the Grammar School, founded by Bishop Gore three centuries ago.

Many shops as well as the famous market, probably the largest in the country, were also destroyed. The General Hospital was damaged.

When a church was hit, there were many people sheltering in the vaults. They were all got away safely just when it looked as if their rescue was hopeless.

There were 100 people in another shelter when the building above was bombed. Fires were raging all around. Seeing their peril, an A.R.P. man dashed to a bus station, annexed a bus and drove it to the shelter. Then he persuaded the people to scramble into it and drove them safely outside the town.

EARLIER HESS LETTER TO DUKE OF HAMILTON

RINGED IN BLUE PENCIL ON RUDOLF HESS'S MAP, ON WHICH THE DEPUTY FUEHRER HAD PLOTTED HIS COURSE FROM AUGSBURG TO SCOTLAND, WAS THE DUCAL SEAT OF THE DUKE OF HAMILTON AND LANARKSHIRE.

When, in the gathering dusk on Saturday night, Hess made his dramatic crash landing some eight miles from Glasgow, the first thing he asked was the way to Dungavel.

He had mistaken a large house he had sighted as the mansion he was seeking and, failing to find a suitable landing ground, decided to descend by parachute.

Despite his damaged ankle he wanted to be taken to the Duke's house, which he thought was nearby.

According to the farmer MacLean, Hess did not say why he wanted to see the Duke but obviously was very anxious to do so.

It was recalled in an official German news agency broadcast yesterday that Hess met the Duke of Hamilton at the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936.

A statement authorised in Germany says the documents left behind by Hess revealed he wanted to meet the Duke of Hamilton in order to attempt to effect peace between Germany and England. Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns.

Earlier Letter

In connection with this message it can now be revealed that Hess made an attempt to communicate with the Duke of Hamilton by letter some months previously.

The Duke immediately placed the letter in the hands of the British Security authorities and no reply was made to Hess.

The Duke had met Hess on one or two occasions before the war in connection with sporting matters in which both were interested.

Hess is alleged to have said that when the Duke was the Marquis of Douglas and Clyde-dale, he knew him, well and that he had flown to Scotland and made his estate his objective as he had valuable information to give the Duke.

Tyranny In Reich

This information, Hess said, would be of great use to the British in overthrowing the tyranny that now prevails in the Reich. Hess averred he made the most painstaking preparations for his flight from Germany.

This statement was borne out by maps he had used for navigation, on all of which the Duke's estates were ringed in a circle.

It was a tribute to Hess's capabilities as a pilot that he should arrive in Scotland and land at a point in such close proximity to his objective.

Hardships In Germany

Hess is reported to have told the farm people of the hardship now being experienced in Germany and of the great distress amongst the people there over the bombing by the R.A.F. and of the suffering of the civilian population.

He also said that he had a message of great importance to deliver to the Duke of Hamilton. —Reuter.

Nazi Version

The newly authorised German version of Hess's intentions affords further circumstantial evidence that the escape was carefully pre-meditated.

It is to be remembered that Hess was leaving Germany under very extraordinary circumstances and admittedly contrary to authority. By so doing he was clearly running a grave personal peril.

It would therefore have been a perfectly understandable course

for him to leave behind letters which would have put an innocent construction upon his action.

Absurd

In the German account it is stated that Hess entertained the idea that he could return again to Germany after a short time when he had fulfilled his mission of rapprochement. Even the German report characterises such an idea as absurd.

As a prisoner of war he would have known such liberty would be out of the question.

Indeed, if any such idea had been entertained, it would indicate a certain lack of mental balance entirely contrary to the now established fact that Hess is sane.

Meanwhile, Herr Hess remains in hospital where he has had several interviews with a representative of the British Foreign Office and reports of these conversations have been referred to the appropriate authorities. —British Wireless.

Night Bombing Menace

The progress of research in combating the night bombing menace was mentioned by the Home Secretary Mr. Herbert Morrison, in a speech in London yesterday.

On the subject of night fighters Mr. Morrison declared: "There have been great achievements. I am told that research and development have gone as far in these last 10 months as they would have done in 10 years of normal peacetime, so that to-day those who know best think that in night interception we are rather more than a shade ahead of the enemy."

While warning against hasty conclusions from the recent successes, Mr. Morrison claimed nevertheless:

"THE SIGNIFICANT THING IS THE STEADY AND CONSISTENT RISE IN THE CURVE OF VICTORIES SINCE THE DARK TIMES OF WINTER."

REUTER.

SOVIET ENVOY CALLS ON MR. HULL

Clarification of the uncertain Soviet-United States relations is believed imminent with the arrangement yesterday afternoon of a conference between Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and M. Oumansky, the Soviet Ambassador, their first for over a year, says Reuter from Washington.

He Held Up Weak Shelter

"If I mention only one of the civil defence services to-night, namely the police, it is because many tributes have been paid already to the others. They have been in it everywhere all the time — Mr. Churchill in his broadcast.

TWENTY POLICE OFFICERS are among those honoured in the latest list of civil defence awards published in the "London Gazette." Seven receive the George Medal and thirteen the Medal of the Order of the British Empire. There are thirty-six George Medallists in the list, two of them women.

Among the seven police George Medallists are:

Police-Constable William Henry Allen, "C" Division, Metropolitan Police.—Such devastation was caused by a bomb that the rescue squad thought any people trapped must be dead. Police-Constable Allen was certain that he had heard a faint response to his shouts and he started to clear away the debris above the basement of a shop.

He crawled into a hole and found, beneath the wreckage, two elderly men and two young girls pinned by debris. He saved them.

Saved Eight People

Sergeant Frederick Maurice Burgess, "J" Division, Metropolitan Police.—Reached and saved eight people trapped in a basement shelter and threatened by water rushing from a broken main.

Part of the shelter threatened to collapse at any moment, and the sergeant had to support it with his shoulders. When he was pulled to safety, the basement fell in.

War Reserve Police-Constable Alfred John Volzey, "F" Division, Metropolitan Police.—Smallest of three War Reserve policemen, he entered the only opening in the debris of two demolished houses which buried many people who

were in danger of being gassed.

The two women George Medallists are Miss Black, an A.R.P. dispatch rider, of West Bromwich and Miss Evelyn Gertrude Thomas, matron of West Bromwich and District General Hospital, who told the "Daily Mirror": "The medal should have been given to my staff. It shall be 'shared' between my nurses."

Bomb Train Ablaze

George Medals also go to Ivor Thomas Davies, engine driver, and Frank Reginald Newns, fireman, G.W.R. Bakenhead.

When a large number of incendiary bombs fell among a trainload of ammunition and trucks containing petrol in tins, they helped to put a stirrup pump or a burning wagon containing aerial bombs.

When the bombs were sufficiently cool, they levered them apart and removed the incendiaries.

William John Higgot, Leicester A.R.P. warden.—He entered a mass of ruins immediately after a bomb had exploded and came out with two children, one under each arm. He returned, put out a fire, then put out two more fires in other buildings.

Frederick James Skelton, company officer, London A.F.S.—He was badly burned trying to rescue two trapped firemen when a fire station was hit and set on fire.

REVENGE

When young James Newman left the orphanage at Terre Haute, Indiana, U.S., twelve years ago he vowed that one day he would be revenged on those who had made him unhappy there.

Now, masked, he has held up the orphanage staff and asked for his old principal. Told the man had long retired, the bandit took the staff's money.

When captured he said: "I meant to kill that principal."

THE MAN ALONE

For nearly seventy years John Clarke had been alone. He carried himself proudly, though he had no relatives, no friends.

He had no ambition to live when he fell ill, but doctors and nurses fought to save his life when he was taken to a Swansea hospital.

John's recovery brought him into a new world, a world in which people spoke to him, where he found friendship and generosity.

His health improved so much that he started helping in the hospital kitchen. He became a favourite there.

John has just died cheerful to the last. Six companions who are patients were with him. One told the "Daily Mirror":

"John found more happiness in his last days than he had ever had. When he got better he did not want to return to civilian life. He was afraid he would find himself alone."

NAZI APPROACH IN TURKEY

Franz von Papen, German Ambassador to Turkey, had an hour's interview with President Inonu yesterday afternoon, says an Istanbul despatch to the official German news agency.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, Dr. Sarajoglu, was present.

Von Papen paid the customary call of an Ambassador returning to his post at the Foreign Office and saw Dr. Sarajoglu.

The Turkish Cabinet held its usual weekly meeting later in the day, after which Dr. Sarajoglu addressed the People's Party secret session for an hour on the subject of foreign affairs.

The Premier, Dr. Saydam, then gave a resume of foreign developments, after which the meeting, in the words of the official communiqué, ended with an outburst of applause.

Nothing Known

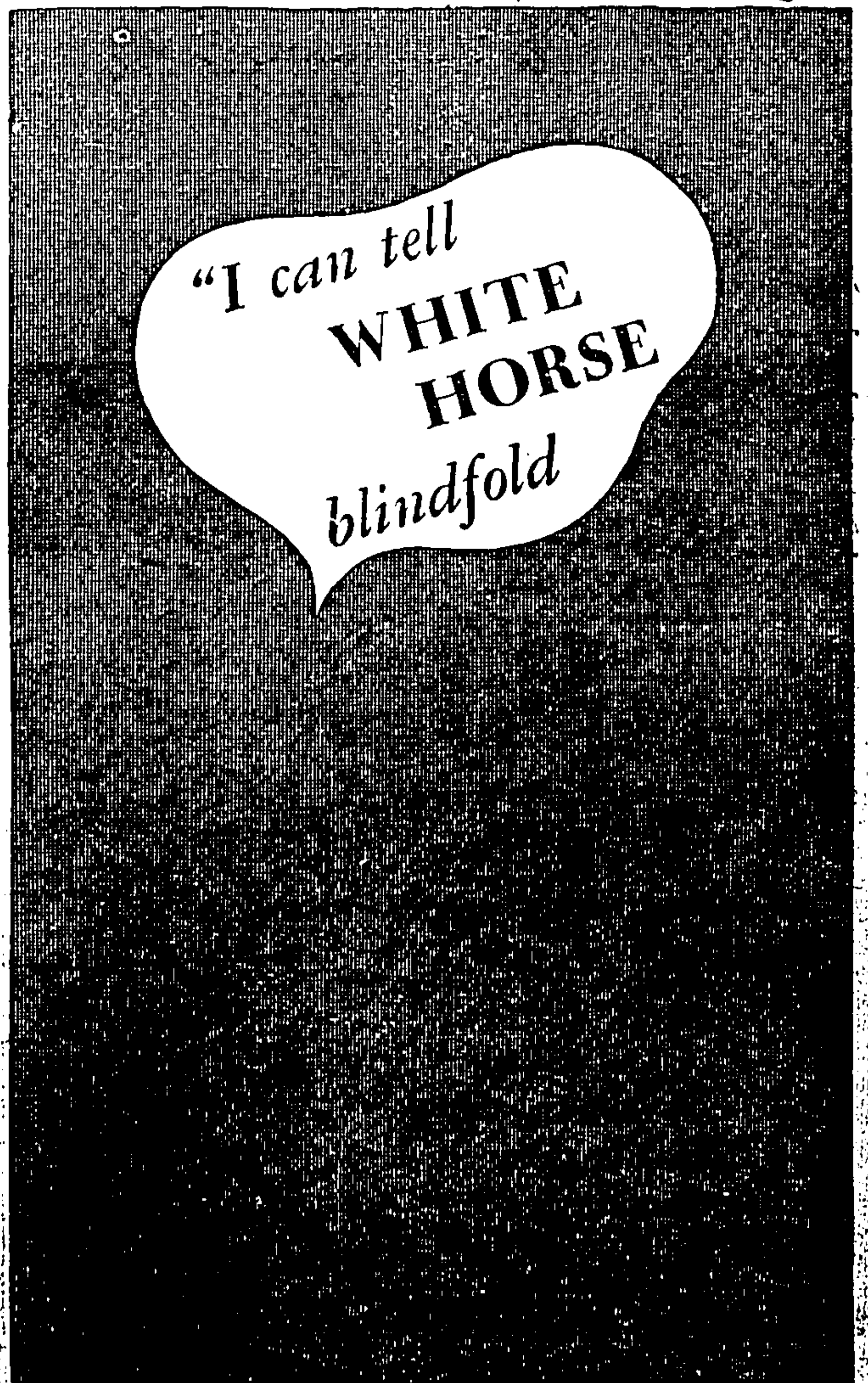
While nothing is known of the conversation between von Papen and Dr. Sarajoglu, well-informed circles in Ankara believe the Ambassador either delivered or will deliver proposals for closer economic collaboration between Germany and Turkey. —Reuter.

BRITISH WOMAN IN DEATH CELL PROMISE

The Australian Red Cross announced that it had been advised that Miss Winifred Harle, Australian woman under sentence of death in occupied France, was being kept in a comfortable cell and that the Germans had promised that the sentence would not be carried out precipitately, says Associated Press.

It was stated last November that the American authorities in Paris had persuaded the Germans to reconsider the case of Miss Harle, who was sentenced on charges of disseminating British speeches and news in occupied France.

Miss Florence Frickard was reported to have been sentenced to death on similar charges.



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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	6133	Tsat Tse Mu Road, South of Island L's Nos 3536 and 3596, North Point	N. S. E. W.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 5,000 \$110 \$5,500

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GLAMOUR GIRL IS DOOMED

War will finish the glamour girl, says Captain F. R. K. Whitaker, an Army chaplain. It will make her out of date.

He told a congregation of troops at a northern camp: "For years womanhood has been symbolised, falsely, in my opinion, by 100 per cent. sex appeal and glamour."

"This war will inevitably purge the publicity value of sex appeal and ballyhoo with which for so long we have identified our womenfolk."

"This is a war in which women are taking a vital and active part, and they will not sacrifice their ideals—and their ideals are as much at stake as ours—by returning to a way of life which is out of date, pre-war and entirely fictitious."

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The SIXTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 10th July, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 3rd July to the 24th July inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 30th April, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

GETTING WHAT YOU CAN
By The Four Aces

When excellent bidding by the opponents has robbed you of a sam, there is still the consolation of rolling up as large a game as possible.

West, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K Q 6 2
♥ 5 3
♦ A Q J 7 6
♣ 6 5

♠ A 5
♥ A J 6 2
♦ 8
♣ A K Q 8

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♠ 4
♥ K Q 10
♦ 9 8 4
♣ 3 2

♠ J 10 9 8 7 3
♥ 7
♦ K 10 9 5 4
♣ J

The bidding:
West North East South
1♣ 1♦ 1♥ 1♠
4♥ 4♠ 5♥ 5♠
6♥ Pass Pass 6♠
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass

East and West could have made six hearts with the greatest of ease, but were helpless to bid any more when South properly sacrificed at six spades. A penalty double was all that was left to them.

West opened the King of clubs, and stopped short when South's Jack appeared. After a little thought, he shifted to his singleton diamond.

South won and led the ten of spades, hoping that West would make the mistake of holding up his trump Ace. But the attempt was futile, for West put up the spade Ace at once and then led a low heart!

East won with the Queen of hearts and had no trouble in understanding the meaning of his partner's plays. The diamond shift and the under lead of the heart Ace made it clear that West had started with a singleton diamond. So East returned his diamond for West to ruff, and the defence thus netted 500 points. Not as much as the slam, of course, but the best they could get against such determined opposition.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 7 3
♥ A K 4
♦ K 9 5 2
♣ A K 6

The bidding:
Jacoby You Male Schenken
Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid one diamond. The hand is too strong for one no-trump, not strong enough for two no-trump, and requires no "fancy" opening bid.

Score 100% for one diamond, 80% for one club, 40% for two no-trump, 20% for one no-trump.

Question No. 716

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby You Male Schenken
Pass 1♦ Pass 1♠
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SHOT DOWN 4 NAZIS - D.F.C.

For gallantry in flying operations against the enemy. Acting Flight-Lieutenant Richard Macklow Trousdale, aged twenty, of No. 215 Squadron, has been awarded the D.F.C.

He has destroyed at least four enemy aircraft, including one at night, and has been continuously employed as a fighter pilot since the early months of the war.

USED 'DOCKERS' LANGUAGE

Cruelty Decree Against Major

An officer against whom a decree of divorce was granted in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, on the ground of cruelty, was stated to have used "dockers' language" to his wife and to have tried to throw her out of a window.

The husband, Major Duncan Grant MacGillivray, defended the suit brought by his wife, Mrs. Muriel Spencer MacGillivray, of The White House, Cardross, Dumbartonshire.

Lord Patrick, giving judgment in favour of Mrs. MacGillivray, with custody of the only child, said of the husband: "His lack of respect and consideration for her, and his temper, afford no reasonable certainty that if she lived with him, she would be safe from his violence."

Mrs. MacGillivray separated from her husband in June, 1938. Major MacGillivray, Lord Patrick said, was then impecunious, and she paid him alimony of £300 a year until some time in 1939, when he obtained employment under the Ministry of Supply.

"Both are persons of cultured up-bringing and substantial station in life, from whom some refinement is to be expected," continued Lord Patrick. "His admitted use of coarse language to her, which he said he had become accustomed to use in his business about the docks in Glasgow, might have been used by a docker, but was inexcusable when used by him to her."

The explanation of one particular epithet he applied to his wife was that it seemed to infuriate her more than anything else.

"In December, 1935," continued Lord Patrick, "he was convicted of being drunk in charge of a car and of culpable homicide. He was released from prison about May, 1936, and blamed his wife for his conviction because she had not been there, as was her practice, to drive him home on the occasion which led to his conviction."

"When she resented the imputation of blame she alleged that he tried to pick her up and throw her out of a window."

BROTHERS' TWIN WILLS

Legacies of many thousands of pounds willed by Sir Arthur Levy, who died in November, 1938, are confirmed by the will of his brother, Mr. Alexander Michael Levy, just made known.

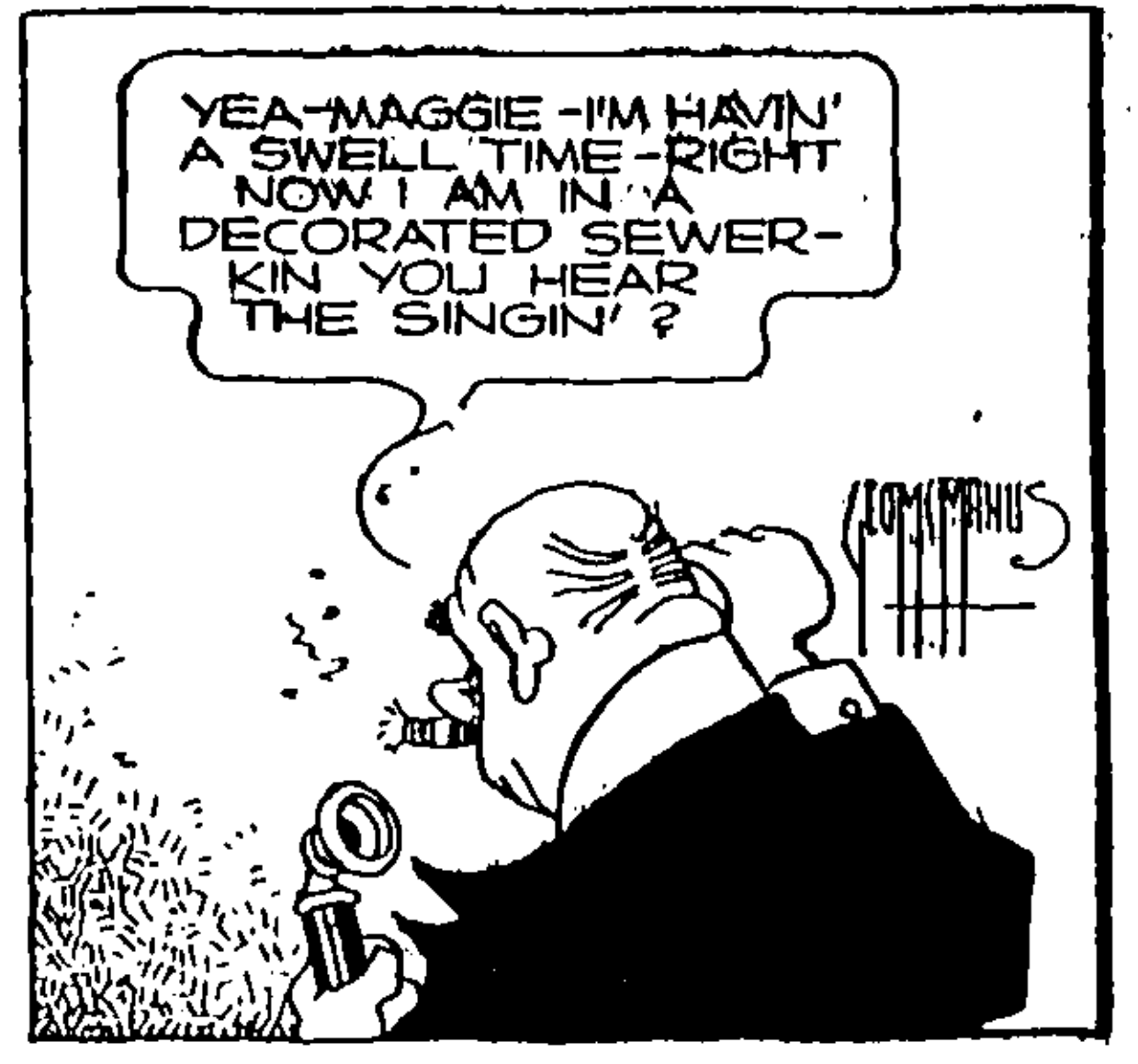
The brothers were diamond brokers. Sir Arthur left £568,000, giving Mr. Levy power of appointment over many bequests. Now Mr. Levy has left £820,000 and a will drawn up in almost the same language as Sir Arthur's.

The brothers made their wills at the same time. They agreed on their legacies and gave each other power of appointment over them. Neither acted in business without consulting the other. Both died at 83.

As Sir Arthur did, subject to his brother's confirmation, Mr. Levy left 19-20ths of the residue of his estate, after other bequests, to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London to found and maintain an Arthur and Alexander Levy surgical home, and the remainder to the fund for general purposes. Nineteen London hospitals benefit under his will.

Death duty on Sir Arthur's estate amounted to £138,643, on Mr. Levy's to £231,911. The big difference is accounted for by the fact that the rate of duty is on a sliding scale, rising in proportion to the amount left.

Bringing Up Father



By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

LET'S DRESS IT with a FINE SAUCE... for a sauce adds interest to a simple dish

Says Dorothy Grieg



Gale Page, beautiful star of the screen, whips together this quick, and most delicious Asparagus Sauce to serve over Waffles.

come from the can, are already skillfully seasoned by French chefs. They are thick, too, a perfect base for sauces.

For instance, here is a zesty sauce made this new way. Gale Page, famous Hollywood star, serves it over waffles for Sunday supper get-togethers:

Asparagus-Cheese-Bacon Sauce on Waffles

- 1 can condensed asparagus soup
 - 3/4 cup milk
 - 1 ounce cheese (sharp)
 - 2 pieces grilled bacon (crisp)
- Combine the asparagus soup with milk. Heat and then add cheese, stirring continuously until the cheese has melted. Add the bacon chopped fine. Serve over waffles.

Here's another idea for dressing up a simple everyday food. This sauce is for beef loaf:

Mock Turtle Sauce

- 1 can of condensed mock turtle soup
 - 6 tablespoons water
- Heat and serve.

You couldn't ask for anything easier than that sauce to make, and it does wonders for meat loaf.

For fish, this Creole Sauce is one of my favorites:

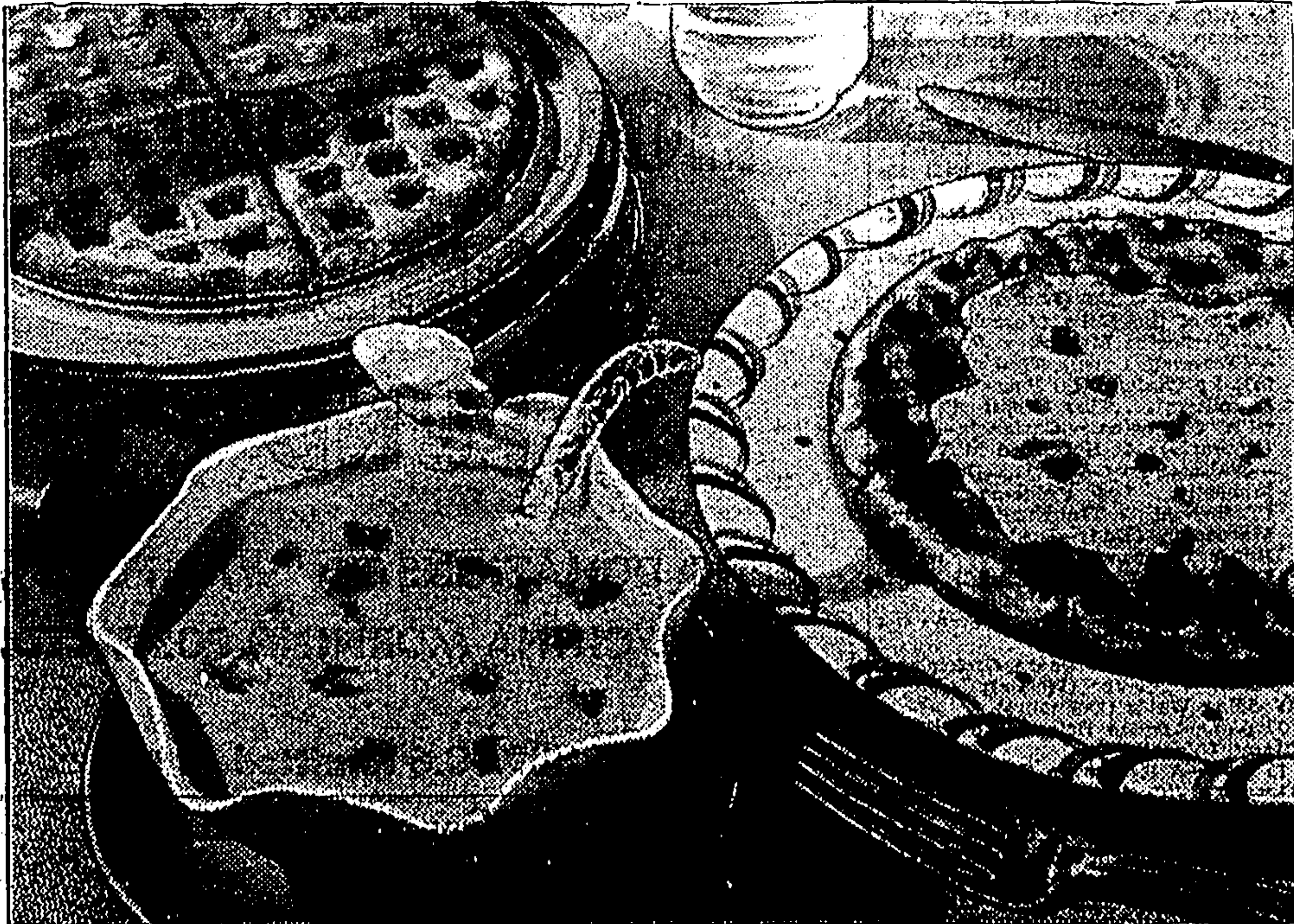
Creole Sauce

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons onion (chopped fine)
- 2 tablespoons green pepper (chopped fine)
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 1/4 cup water

Cook the finely chopped green pepper and onion in the butter until soft. Then add the tomato soup and water, heat and simmer 3-4 minutes to blend the flavours. Makes approximately 1 1/4 cups of sauce.

Grannie was a great hand at making sauces. Hers always came out smooth as cream and of lovely flavour. "Making a sauce is a real test of a cook," she would often say.

Well, maybe that was the case years ago. But nowadays we all can make superlative good sauces by following the simple new way and using condensed soups as the base. These, as they



Waffles glorified with Asparagus-Cheese-Bacon Sauce are suggested for Sunday night supper.

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—A "Swing" Programme.

Swing Step—Stop! You're breaking my Heart (Film "Artists & Models")

Jack White & his Collegians.

Fox-Trots—It happened down in Dixieland, Pagan Love Song

Teddy Foster & his Kings of Swing

Fox-Trot—The trouble with me is you (Film "With Love & Kisses")

George Elrick & his Swing Music Makers

Fox-Trots—Sweet Potato Piper (from "The Road to Singapore")

Blue Ribbon Rag Arthur Young & Hatchell's Swingtette featuring Stephanie Grappelly

Fox-Trot—Three Little Fishies Billy Costello with Orchestra

Fox-Trots—The Rhythm's O.K. in Harlem

Take Another Guess Teddy Foster & his Kings of Swing

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal

1.01 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal Tiger Rag (La Rocca); Some of These Days (Brooks)

The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar)

Two Pianos Transatlantic Rhythm (Caesar & Henderson)

Intro—I Heard a Song in a Taxi

Who'll Buy My Song of Love, Spanish Jake, Breakfast in Harlem

Holiday Sweetheart, You're the Type

Living Caesar & Ray Henderson with Scott Wood

Impersonations Film Fans' Fare

Michael Moore (with Effects)

Theremin Dancing with Tears in my Eyes

Waltz (Dubin & Burke)

Lenington Shewell with piano accomp

Vocal Over the Rainbow (film "The Wizard of Oz")

Scatter Brain (Burke & others)

Phyllis Robins with Orchestra

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Edith Lorand and her Viennese Orchestra

Old Vienna Melodies (Pollack), The Combs, Mantz, Polpour (Kalmann)

Waves of the Danube Waltz (Kalmann), The Last Waltz (Kalmann)

2.15 p.m.—Close down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations

6.32 p.m.—Victor Silvester and his Ballroom Orchestra.

Quickstep I'll Write a Love Song (from "It's in the Bag")

Slow Fox-Trot House Beautiful, Swing Step

Don't Count Your Chickens, Tango Love Bells, Tango Fragrant

Flowers, Quickstep Mine Alone (from "Paprika")

Slow Fox-Trot Magyar Melody (from "Paprika")

Quickstep Where is our Blue Bird of Melody Lane; Waltz—Sweethearts (film "Sweethearts")

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"The Netherlands and the War" by His Excellency Dr. Gerbrandy, President of the Netherlands Council of Ministers in London.

7.30 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

You Can't Pull the Wool over my Eyes (Ager & others); When the Swallows Nest Again (Stevens & Edmund)

Boo-Hoo (Heyman & others); Delyse (Gilbert Nicholls) with Vocal Refrain

7.43 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.

"Nine Sharp" (Excerpts from the Revue)

The Little Theatre Company, "The Fleet's Lit Up" Selection

Gerald and his London Orchestra

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements

8.02 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger-Rag-muffins.

Hot Lips (Busse & others); I'm a Dine Dong Daddy (Baxter); Ragging the A.C.E. (Stainforth); Sarawaki (Gordon)

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—New Variety.

Vocal—Only Forever (from "Rhythm on the River")

Denny Dennis with Novachord accomp. Vocal—Never Took a Lesson in My Life (Lawrence—Foore)

I'll Never Smile Again, Until I Smile at You (Love)

Elsie Carlisle with instr. accomp. Accordion Band—The Swiss Bellringer (Freed—Samuels)

Primo Scala's Accordion Band with vocal chorus. Comedian—Sitting on the Ice in the Ice Rink (Cottrell); Why Don't Women Like Me? (Cottrell—Bennett)

George Formby with his Ukulele and Orchestral accomp. Accordion Band—I'll Never Make the Same Mistake Again (Lester—Smith)

Primo Scala's Accordion Band with vocal chorus. Vocal—I'm Nobody's Baby (Davis & others); Maybe (Flynn—Madden)

Anne Shelton with instrumental accomp.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer, Tino Rossi and the Orchestra Mascotte.

Exultation—Waltz (Laufenschlager); Waltz of the Dolls (Joseph Bayer)

Orchestra Mascotte, Pescadore—(Farewell Love), (Rodor & Scott); Le Chaland Qui Passe (d'Andre & others)

Tino Rossi (Tenor) with Orchestra. Castagnets—Waltz (Richart); It Happened in Vienna—Waltz (Ferry Muhr)

Orchestra Mascotte. Les Prenoms Effaces (Tranchant & Tranchant); Estime Marocaine (Eddy—Bos)

Lucienne Boyer (Soprano) with Orchestra. Espana—Waltz (Waldteufel)

Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—The State Opera Orchestra.

"Jubel"—Overture (Weber). Wedding Waltz (Dohnanyi).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things".

10.15 p.m.—A Beethoven Programme.

Overture "Coriolan"; Op. 62; The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Adrian Boult.

In Questa Tomba Oscura. Theodore Chappino (Bass) with Orchestra. Sonata in C Major, Op. 102, No. 1—1st Mov.

Andante—Allegro vivace; 2nd Mov. Adagio—Tempo d'Andante; 3rd Mov. Allegro Vivace; Pau. Casals

French Faith In Britain

Frenchmen everywhere in unoccupied France, and in occupied territory too, are to-day convinced almost unanimously that the hour of Germany's inevitable defeat is growing steadily nearer, despite all the efforts of German-controlled wireless and Press to make them believe the opposite.

This is the conclusion drawn from a number of letters just received from reliable persons in unoccupied France who have been

there ever since the French collapse. Some of them have been able to learn a few details from occupied territory.

"A" paints a picture of life in a French village in unoccupied France. "Wireless is now prohibited in cafes and public places. We shall soon be all hanged, drawn and quartered for listening to God's truth.

"France is becoming Germanised more and more every day—on paper. But her citizens become more and more British every day. I don't know a single person that has not confidence in Britain and certainty of Britain's victory. I was in a country cafe about five miles from here the other day and everybody was openly saying 'Vive les Anglais.' In this town the name of Italy stinks."

Says "B": "It is plain that nothing is going well and right for the Axis. Some Frenchmen at one time thought England would bolt and run, and that the end of hostilities was in sight. These Frenchmen now see the error of their judgment, and are now tout en admiration pour les Anglais—and very much so."

R.A.F. 'HAUNTS' NAZI SKIES

Gen. Milch's Fears

In a broadcast warning to Germans not to ignore air raid alarms, Gen. Milch, Chief of the Luftwaffe, stated "As soon as the enemy is approaching the air becomes haunted. All must immediately seek shelter, particularly so because often you cannot even see or hear the enemy coming."

He told the people to expect more frequent and heavier raids. In his speech, designed to reassure the German people about raids, he said it was true that many German people had lost members of their families and their homes. But this could not be compared with the British losses, which amounted to "thousands of killed."

"It is true the sword is always hanging over everybody's head," he went on, "but nevertheless we must all set our teeth, because it is a great thing which is at stake."

He emphasised that bombs had a destructive power "against which light shelters can give little protection."

PRISONERS' PENGUINS STOPPED

GERMAN CENSORS HAVE PUT A COMPLETE BAN ON PENGUIN BOOKS FOR BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR

The reasons are not altogether clear, though they seem to have to do with the anti-Hitler tone of some of the books. Such books would not, of course, be permitted to go to the prisoners in any case; but advertisements of them appear in others of the series which are innocent of political meaning.

Seeing these advertisements, the Germans have apparently decided that it would be safer to stop the whole series. Thousands of the books are held up in Switzerland.

Mr. H. W. Ellis, sales manager to the publishers, said: "We learned of the ban from the British Red Cross Society. We have a permit to send books to prisoners. The books are made up into special parcels, which go first to the British censors. It is a pity this has happened, because many of the books go to our men, but there is nothing we can do about it."

"I understand that prisoners have written to relatives saying that copies of these books have been destroyed by the Germans."

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ANGLO-CHINESE CULTURAL RELATIONS

THE NEW DIRECTOR of the China Institute in London, Dr. H. H. Chang, who is leaving for England in the near future, in a broadcast in Chinese over ZEK, said that recent developments in the field of literature have given rise to the hope that the spirit of the 18th century may be revived in Anglo-Chinese cultural relations.

"As Director of the China Institute," he said, "it will be my pleasant duty to encourage closer intellectual cooperation and to promote cultural relations between China and Britain.

The work will not in the nature of the case be spectacular. It will not either be exciting when nations at war naturally turn their attention to the exploits of airplanes and battleships and the bravery of their soldiers at the front.

But there is nevertheless a steadily growing realisation that between two such nations as China and England which have had such close contact with each other for over a century in business and politics and which to-day are fighting side by side, as it were for the defence of the identical principles of civilisation, of democracy and freedom as they are popularly known, there should be a deeper understanding of each other's point of view and of the human values which shape the pattern of our lives.

I feel that my ability is not equal to the task. But continue to our ambassador in London, Dr. Quo Tzu-chi who is returning as China's new Foreign Minister, the eight years of untiring labour, has laid a firm foundation for Sino-British understanding. For generations to come, I feel sure his efforts will be warmly appreciated. His views on diplomacy are wide and comprehensive. And because he holds such views, his long record as China's envoy is marked by many not only achievements which have helped to bring China and England together not only in knowledge and understanding but also in feeling, sympathy and sentiment.

Chinese Art

The exhibition of Chinese art at the Burlington Gallery in 1935, to mention one out of many such events, has left a deep and permanent impression on the British mind. It was the same vision which has helped to raise the China Institute to its present important position as the centre of Chinese cultural effort in England.

The Institute is the headquarters of the Universities' China Committee which was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1933 as the result of an Act of Parliament. The charter entrusted the Committee with the administration of a fund derived from the British Boxer Indemnity and laid down the following purposes which the committee must carry out:

1. To arrange for such Chinese men and women to visit and lecture in the United Kingdom, and for such British men and women to visit and lecture in China as may seem to the Committee suitable;
2. To assist Chinese students going to the United Kingdom to find hospitality and suitable living accommodation;

3. To advise Chinese students as to their course of study in the United Kingdom.

4. To encourage and facilitate the teaching of the Chinese language and literature at the universities of the United Kingdom by the endowment for those purposes of professorships and lectures; and

5. Generally to encourage close intellectual cooperation and to promote cultural relations between China and the United Kingdom.

To Lecture

It is the last-mentioned purpose which has become increasingly important, and that is why the need was felt to appoint a director who, among other things, will be expected to lecture extensively before the universities and elsewhere in the United Kingdom on contemporary China, Chinese art and history. While I believe a number of the activities of the Institute must perforce become limited under the shadow of the war, this last purpose has become important, I think, because of the war. For the war, as we all know, is being fought on more than one front. There is a physical, but there is also a spiritual side. And it is imperative that those countries which are fighting for the same reasons, no matter where the theatre of war may be, should not only render to one another the fullest material assistance, but should also pool together their spiritual resources and establish a harmony and community of purposes. Literature, art, philosophy, history, may sound distant and hollow when there is so much sound and fury of clashing weapons, but I believe they should become supremely real precisely because there is a clash. For war brushes aside for the moment the ordinary, easy complacencies of life and compels each of us to conduct a searching analysis of our mind and heart. It makes us re-examine the basis of our beliefs and prejudices and throws our essential convictions into much bolder relief. I believe between China and Britain there is a similarity in their basic convictions and in the principles upon which we have built our respective civilisations. All the more reason therefore that we should have to-day a comprehensive understanding of the best products of the thinking of our two countries.

Undue Emphasis

That understanding, if I may say so, was very much vitiated by an undue emphasis on trade and profit which characterised Anglo-Chinese relationship during the 19th century. But I believe the tide has now definitely turned. It is true we cannot ignore trade and profit, but between nations as between individuals,

as Mencius pointed out long ago, there is something much more important than mere profit. There are human values of permanent significance without an understanding of which the desire for mere profit easily degenerates into jealousy, rivalry, egotism and conflict. The 18th century may have only a faint and distant appeal to many of us, and yet I think that period was one of the happiest periods in the relationship between China and Europe in general and between China and Britain in particular. Trade was then only hovering in the background and gave no indication of the enormous proportions which it assumed in the succeeding century. If China and Europe met at all, they met on a high plane of mutual artistic and intellectual appreciation. China marvelled at the advanced stage of Europe's mathematical and astronomical science while Europe was struck by China's supreme artistic sensibilities as revealed in her porcelain, furniture and gardening as well as by the sanity of her social and political institutions which were never divorced from moral or ethical considerations. The contributions which Chinese thought made to the development of rationalistic and liberal thinking immediately before the French Revolution is generally recognised.

Happy Period

Who will say that this was not a happy period when intercourse was maintained on a consistently high cultural level with an unflagging effort being made to find out, appraise and absorb each other's spiritual accomplishments? The appeal, let me add, was central and not peripheral, essential and not exotic. The word "exoticism" was a sign of the *mal de siècle* of a later period when Europe, craving for beauty, as Pater said, demanded the element of "strangeness." But an appeal which is strange or exotic is sickly and can only be ephemeral, while China's appeal to Britain was made during one of the most robust periods of English letters. It was the age dominated by Johnson and Pope, by Goldsmith and Reynolds. These artists and men of letter thought that they had discovered in Chinese culture that element of sanity and urbanity which is after all the central note of the classical spirit and were therefore anxious to know all that could be known about Chinese thought, difficult as it then was to obtain any adequate information on the subject.

When the industrial age came, however, which brought China and Britain physically much closer together, understanding between the two countries, instead of becoming proportionately deeper, became actually much thinner and less real. For the spirit of reverence had disappeared, and without reverence a true knowledge of the mind and heart is an impossible thing. The last generation, I am happy to say, has given hopes that the spirit of the 18th century might be revived. Books have been written by leaders of thought, by G. Lowes Dickinson, Mr. Laurence Binyon, Mr. Arthur Waley and, not the least, by Mr. Fitzgerald which show how earnestly a search is being made to understand the bases of Chinese thought. Personally I see no reason why these writers should not be taken as auguries for another period of cultural and intellectual understanding between China and Britain greater perhaps than anything that has happened.

LIGHTS TRACED BY COMPASS

SPECIAL OBSERVER SECTIONS TO DETECT PREMISES FROM WHICH LIGHT SHOWS DURING THE BLACK-OUT HAVE BEEN FORMED BY A NUMBER OF PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCES.

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Several offenders have already been convicted as a result of the activities of the observers.

"MORE WAVELLS IN ARMY"

"We have other generals like Wavell and we have other troops in this island training for their job, who, when their time comes, are not going to be left behind by Wavell's men," said Field-Marshal Sir Cyril Deverell, a former Chief of the Imperial General Staff, at Aberdare.

"They are determined to show," he went on, "that we are not only 'stickers,' but that we now have a highly trained and well-equipped Army, capable of offensive action, understanding and practising co-operation with the other Services, and capable of carrying on to such lengths that our enemy's power will be broken, giving him no rest or respite until final victory is achieved."

The world had not yet seen what could be done by an air invasion on a large scale. Where such an invasion had to be carried out on a country strongly defended both on the ground and in the air, with the fighting forces backed by a determined civilian population, extreme difficulties faced the invader.

Those difficulties were more than doubled when he was not in command of the sea.

INDO-CHINA DIVIDEND

The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company report shows that after providing for all expenditure the net profit of the ships for 1940 is £237,125 17s. 4d., with the carry forward of £19,746 13s. 3d., the net gain on that total of £120 11s. 0d. and £72 7s. 6d. for Transfer Fees the total figure at the credit of Appropriation Account is £257,066 9s. 1d. The Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held on the 10th of July when, if Shareholders approve, the following appropriations will be made:— To pay a dividend of 6% for the years 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931 on 49,589 Cumulative Preferred Ordinary Shares: £59,506 18s. 0d. To transfer to General Reserve: £180,000 0s. 0d. To carry forward to 1941: £17,559 13s. 1d.

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150 Electrics (New) @ \$214

99 Electrics (Rts.) @ \$114

300 Macao Electrics @ \$19

FIRM TONE ON STOCK MARKET

A generally firm undertone was maintained on the London Stock Exchange yesterday, with Kaffirs, coppers and oils encouraged by details of wasting assets allowances announced in the Finance Bill. Industrials were steady to firm, with useful gains by breweries and Unilever, while Dunlops partially recovered after losing 1/- on a 10 per cent distribution against 12 per cent last year. Japanese bonds were higher among foreign issues which, generally, were firm. Wall Street was dull.—Reuter.

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Mary Hardwick Describes Her Tennis Tour In U.S., Canada Reception Which Just Bowled Her Over

Speaks Of Relief Work Done Everywhere

A FURTHER INTERESTING description of her activities and impressions as she proceeded through the far western sections of the United States and Canada on her professional tennis tour with Alice Marble, was given to Reuter's correspondent recently by Mary Hardwick, the English former Wightman Cup player.

As was the case when she described her tour some time ago, she found the people of those parts touchingly pro-British and was overwhelmed by their kindness towards her and their expressions of sympathy and hope of victory for England and the Empire.

Miss Hardwick referred to her match in Vancouver, British Columbia, recently, in which Miss Marble won 6-3, 10-8 before a packed audience. The match, incidentally, was run by a Mr. Cardinal, a Sussex County cricketer, according to Miss Hardwick who carried her off the court in October, 1938, in Brighton when she sprained her ankle.

Great Reception

"The reception in Vancouver just bowled me over," Mary told Reuter. "The crowd was so pro-British that we had to stop them trying to cheer for me. The linesmen became so confused with the play that they were not very quick on their decisions, and were inclined to make mistakes. This the crowd would not stand, and if Alice made a winner on the line they always roared it was out. However, although I did not win we had one of the best matches of the tour, perfect conditions, a sold-out house and both of us playing really well. I had three set-points in the second set," she added.

Miss Hardwick confessed that she was often close to tears during her short stay in Vancouver. The feeling of getting back on to British soil again after so long away from it deeply affected her. Also, she said, "I felt so much that here I was in a country where they were striving and praying for victory, in earnest, there was no question of just England pulling through in the people's conversation. It was we and us all the time."

She told, too, how she found Vancouver plastered with splendid war posters urging the people to "Save for Victory," to buy war savings certificates and to do all sorts of other things to help win the war. Also, there were big, life-sized posters of Mr. Winston Churchill, with the words, now so historic in this part of the world, "give us the tools and we'll finish the job."

Trip A Success

Speaking of her trip in the North West in general, Miss Hardwick said that it had been a complete success and that she and Miss Marble had been playing to sell-out houses everywhere, in the United States as well as in Vancouver. She found the Portland and Seattle people and those in other parts of the same localities, the "most pro-British" of any she had met on the whole tour.

In San Francisco, Miss Marble was presented with the keys of the city and Miss Hardwick who had to accompany her to the ceremony was asked to make a speech at the City Hall because "I represented the other Democracy."

Miss Hardwick spoke enthusiastically of the relief work being done in the North West in aid of Bundles for Britain and the British War Relief Society. She has been combining tennis with visiting the various relief centres, "making radio appeals, appearing in Bundles for Britain shops, visiting work rooms and meeting committees."

Altogether, Miss Hardwick is doing her bit for Britain with all the enthusiasm possible, and that she is one of the outstanding ambassadors of goodwill between England and the United States there is no doubt.



BOWLS TEAMS

Following clubs have selected their lawn bowls teams for Saturday:—

K.B.C.C.
"A" First Division (v Indian R.C. Away)
W. L. Walker, W. McNeil, S. Randle and A. Holland (Skip)
R. P. Hughes, H. White, J. G. Meyer and A. J. Hall (Skip)
L. Sykes, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde Lay and G. Sherriff (Skip)

"B" First Division (Kowloon Docks Away)
W. C. Hodder, V. C. Dixon, E. Levett and R. Duncan (Skip)
A. Morton, P. A. Peckham, H. Lockhart and J. McKelvie (Skip)
E. Seard, G. W. Deacon, H. E. Drew and L. Guy (Skip)
Third Division (v Kowloon F.C. Home)
J. A. Fraser, S. A. MacGregor, E. V. Soate and H. Nash (Skip)
H. Becknell, S. C. Walker, L. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip)
J. S. Danner, C. E. Langley, G. E. Thompson and D. W. Waterton (Skip)

POLICE
First Division (v Club de Recreio Away)
W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. Dall and J. Shepherd (Skip)
G. Perkins, W. M. Smith, A. E. Carey and E. G. Post (Skip)
C. Gough, C. Pile, W. McHardy and W. Mann (Skip)
Third Division (v H.K. Electric Home)
G. Davies, E. Greenwood, A. J. Johnson and F. Channing (Skip)
A. Soutar, C. Wilcox, F. Nolan and J. McDonald (Skip)
J. Hayward, J. Riddell, J. R. McWalter and J. Atkin (Skip)

K. TONG
Second Division (v H.K.C.C. Away)
H. A. Castro, J. Tang, A. Madar and A. J. Kew (Skip)
N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip)
H. Gittins, W. M. Gittins, A. E. Castro and W. J. Howard (Skip)

H.K.C.C.
Second Division (v Kowloon Tong G.C.A. Home)
J. G. Haigh, S. L. Lloyd, L. J. Davies and G. E. Costello (Skip)
G. G. Aitkenhead, L. A. R. Duncan, T. R. Rowell and F. Goodwin (Skip)
R. R. Davies, E. Hosper, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip)
Reserves—P. S. Cassidy and T. C. Monaghan

Friendly (v Kowloon Football Club Away)
A. McKellar, P. Morrison, Dr. D. J. Valentine and B. J. Lacon (Skip)
H. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. R. Lambert, S. Mitchell and E. S. Abraham (Skip)
H. A. Angus, L. E. N. Ryan, E. S. Doughty and J. B. Gilroy (Skip)
Reserves—E. A. R. Fowles and W. J. Hansen

K.C.C.
First Division (v Craigengower C.C. Away)
W. Mulcahy, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor and J. Fraser (Skip)
A. E. Perry, A. W. Smith, L. Jack and E. C. Fincher (Skip)
A. E. P. Guest, W. M. Parsons, N. J. Bebbington and T. A. Madar (Skip)
Second Division (v Hong Kong Football Club Home)
A. C. Tribble, G. W. Bowden, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (Skip)
T. R. Hunter, A. H. Martin, E. C. Curtis and R. S. Meadow (Skip)
R. S. Capell, F. A. Fabel, H. Overy and T. W. Carr (Skip)

H.K.F.C.
Second Division (v K.C.C. Away)
J. S. Howell, G. Stephens, G. Graver and W. Gill (Skip)
A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, H. G. Wainston and W. Macfarlane (Skip)
R. F. Shaw, C. E. Robertson, A. Brookbank and H. V. Pearce (Skip)
Third Division (v Club de Recreio Home)
A. Bailey, J. M. Thomson, B. J.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP FUND ALLOCATION

Following are the allocations of the funds of "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition:

Society of St. Vincent de Paul	\$300.00
Industrial Home for Blind Girls	100.00
Sailors' Home & Mission to Seamen	150.00
St. John's Ambulance Brigade	150.00
Little Sisters of the Poor Home for the Aged	200.00
Hong Kong Benevolent Society	250.00
Canadian Institute for Blind	150.00
Society for Protection for Children	300.00
Children's Playground Association	200.00
Cheero Club	150.00
Chinese Sisters of the Precious Blood	100.00
Sailors' & Soldiers' Home	150.00
Salvation Army	200.00
South China Athletic Free Schools	100.00
Chinese Seamen's Mission	50.00
St. Louis Industrial School	100.00
Hong Kong Branch of the National Association for the Care of War Orphans	150.00
Queen Mary's Hospital X'mas Tree Fund	100.00
Boys' & Girls' Club Associations	100.00
Garrison Help Society	100.00
New Territory Relief Association	100.00
Amenities for Interned Soldiers	100.00
Total	\$3,300.00

TOURING TEAMS TO SUBMIT ACCOUNTS

AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION that, in future, all teams touring with the sanction of the Association should keep a proper statement of accounts and submit same to the Association, was unanimously carried at the monthly Council meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday evening.

The resolution was passed after further discussion was made regarding the question of inducements to players as raised in a letter by the Kwong Wah Athletic Association at the last meeting and a reply to which was received from Eastern A.A.

Eastern's reply to Kwong Wah stated that regarding Lau Fook-chuen they were not concerned with his employment. It added that the player was not satisfied with his employment and took the chance to tour prior to taking up a better job in a commercial firm. They did not say whether there was any request or inducement to Lau to leave his former employment.

Never Raised

A letter was received from Kwong Wah regarding this reply



from Eastern. It pointed out that the question of request or inducement was never raised and suggested that the Association should look into the Eastern's Manila tour in order to see if no inducement had been offered.

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Chairman, said he deplored the last part of the letter and said he remembered that Mr. Brown was pressed at the last meeting but refused to put a proposal to the meeting to look into the books of Eastern.

Mr. Brown said the question as brought up in Eastern's reply was not raised by Kwong Wah. His request to the Association to look into the matter was that if that question was not raised why did Eastern answer in that manner.

The Chairman replied that unless a prima facie case was made out, the Association could not make investigations into the affairs of any club on any flimsy suspicion alone.

Mr. Brown said he brought up the question only as a matter of principle. He said that early in the season there had been a great deal of unpleasantness adding that a first division club was stripped of all its players. He felt that if one club deliberately went to another and got players to handicap the other club the Association should do something.

Mr. J. McKelvie replied that at the close of the season players were free to play for any club as they were amateurs.

Proposed by Mr. J. Skinner, and seconded by Mr. McKelvie, a resolution was passed that Eastern be asked to reply direct to the point raised in Mr. Brown's letter.

To Alter Rules

Mr. Wong said on looking over the file he found that there were rules to be altered and suggested a sub-committee be appointed to deal with these. The following were elected to serve on the committee:—Messrs. Wong Ka-tsun, C. Guingam, J. Skinner and T. G. Stokes.

Mr. Charles Young, new honorary secretary of South China, was introduced to the Council through a letter and will take Mr. Walter H. Chen's place on the Council.

COTTAGE CLUB

The Cottage Club's last paper-hunt of the season will take place on Saturday starting at 5.30 p.m. from a point near San Tin Village near the entrance to Sunny Farm.

Ponies will be drawn for at the Club at 5 p.m. After the hunt, an open-air barbecue will be held in the Club grounds for Members and their friends.

NEW BASEBALL GROUND

Chatham Road ground will be the venue of this season's baseball games. The military authorities are erecting a stand on the site.

PROMISING FORM OF E. A. ROBERTS

ALTHOUGH IT WAS not very well attended, and the various events were not always well supported, the first swimming gala of the season held by European Y.M.C.A. last night was quite an enjoyable affair although the standard never reached a very high level.

There was much evidence of pre-season lack of training, as for instance young Saunders, normally a stout-hearted swimmer, retiring after three lengths of the back-stroke event owing to the fact that he had only a few minutes earlier completed a sharp 50 yards.

Feature of the evening was the unearthing of some new talent in Edward Roberts, a long rangy youth who should do very well with training and experience.

Roberts only entered for one individual event—the 75 yards medley handicap—but he won after a thrilling struggle with F. Willis, to whom he conceded five seconds.

Lai Tsun Swimming Union easily won the 200 Yards Relay from Y.M.C.A. "A", a fairly strong combination, with David Hutchinson, the Colony champion, swimming in the anchor position.

In the water-polo match which wound up the programme, Y.M.C.A. beat Middlesex by 4-0. 50 yards aggregate handicap.—Heat 1.—1, M. J. Gunning (33 secs.); 2, G. Ramage (33 2/5); 3, H. C. Eardley. Heat 2.—1, G. Davidson (27); 2, G.

Saunders (27 2/5); 3, A. McQueen. Heat 3.—1, E. F. Paul (27 1/5); 2, E. W. Raitton (29 2/5).

100 yards back-stroke handicap.—F. Willis (33 3/5); G. Saunders failed to finish.

Diving (seated handicap).—1, N. D. Booker (85); 2, A. McQueen (89); 3, R. Goldman (79); 4, F. Willis (75); 5, G. Saunders (74).

220 yards aggregate handicap. Heat 1.—1, E. F. Paul (31 1/5); 2, G. Davidson (38 4/5); 3, H. G. Ramage. Heat 2.—1, A. F. May (24 3/5); 2, L. A. Benn (25 2/5); 3, E. W. Raitton (31 1/5).

75 yards medley aggregate handicap. 1, E. A. Roberts (55); 2, F. Willis (58 2/5); 3, W. B. Ure.

200 yards relay.—1, Lai Tsun (Tsang Cheong-ming, Lau Tai-ping, Chai Chun-nam, Kum Hop-yin); 2, European Y.M.C.A. "A" (H. C. Eardley, E. F. Paul, A. F. May, D. Hutchinson); 3, European Y.M.C.A. "B" (E. A. Roberts, G. Saunders, N. D. Booker, E. W. Raitton); 4, Army (Pte. Elms, Signor Hodges, Pte. McHugh, Signor Hunt). Time: 1:55 4/5.

Water-polo.—European Y.M.C.A. (H. C. Eardley; F. Willis, L. A. Benn; A. F. May; E. W. Raitton, R. Goldman, E. F. Paul) beat Middlesex (Bdsm. Stanton; L/Cpl. Muchenbach, Signor Hunt; P.S.M. Ure; L/Cpl. Binden, Pte. Burdge, Pte. Jennings) 4-0. A. F. May scored all goals, one in the first half.

YACHTING RESULTS

The Yacht Club yesterday held its annual race for boat boys over a course of 7.8 miles. The race resulted—Jossy 1, Koala 2, True Blue 3, La Linda 4, Maureen 5, Artemis 6, Gull 7, Jean 8, Tyrone Chal 9, Guri 10.

The result of the Helmsman's Cup Series, the final of which was sailed concurrently with Saturday's sweepstake is—E. Huttenlofer (35 pts.), 1, G. G. Wood, T. C. Fairburn, (29) 2, V. H. Johnson (27) 4, G. F. Hyde (25) 5, C. C. Blake, P. D. A. Childell (24) 6, H. V. Browne, W. Forsyth (21) 8, G. Ales (12) 9.

Bickford, and J. Russell (Skip). S. Carr, F. Filippance, S. Strange and P. Morgan (Skip). E. Casey, J. R. Barnes, A. C. Gratton and B. H. Mansell (Skip).

H.K.E.R.C.
Third Division (v Police Recreation Club, Away)
W. E. MacFarlane, R. F. Gregory, J. F. Barron and L. de Rome (Skip). R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, A. G. Gardner and A. F. Paul (Skip). A. P. Tarbuck, J. H. Way, C. E. Gahagan and J. K. Sloan (Skip).

T.D.R.C.
Second Division (v Craigengower C.C. Home)
E. E. Wilson, W. Cunningham, T. F. Stainton and J. A. Watson (Skip). A. MacArthur, D. Coull, R. Main and W. Mulroose (Skip). J. Nimmo, J. J. Whyte, C. Bovard and J. C. Chalmers (Skip). Reserves—S. J. Pollock, W. G. McKie, H. Kew and H. Smith.

KID BERG & ZWICK STILL BOXING AFTER 15 YEARS

Berg Still A Threat For British Championship

Zwick Able To Take On Best Of Featherweights

Two boxers, each with fifteen or more years of fighting behind them, seem to have solved the problem of perpetual youth.

It is 15 years ago since Kid Berg, the former British lightweight champion, took up fighting as a career; ten years since he was making bids for the world title in America, and seven since he was British champion. His breezy, aggressive non-stop style earned him the name of the "Whitechapel Whirlwind" in those days, and it is remarkable that he has lost little of his speed since.

There were signs in the last few months of his developing a more sober and more polished style, but when he met Harry Mizler, another former British champion, in the main ten round bout of an afternoon tournament, he pulled out all his old "fire" to gain a points victory that confounded the critics.

Learns From Mizler

It was from Mizler, a disciple of the old upright school of boxing, relying on the clever use of his left, that Berg won his British title seven years ago, and Berg is as strong to-day as he was then. If he continues to dispose of many more leading welterweights, he must constitute a serious threat to Ernie Roderick for the British championship. Indeed, Berg is so confident that he is as good as ever that he has already issued a challenge to Roderick.

More complete fighters such as Mizler, with fine boxing ability and punching power, seem to wither in face of Berg's whirlwind aggression. Mizler was certainly off form, but perhaps Berg must take most of the credit for that. He knows how to throw a stylish boxer out of his stride and he never stopped worrying Mizler, who became so anxious that he seemed to forget all about his sturdy left hand.

The other fighter who is still slinging punches after 15 years of it is Phil Zwick, at one time a contender for world featherweight championship honours. He recently gave a boxing and punching lesson to Gene Ward, a highly promising Chicago negro.

Zwick Stilling Willing

Zwick, who has fought in many parts of the world, is still willing and able to take on the best featherweights. Since he fought in boxing matches at school before turning professional, he must have been at the game for about 20 years.

Despite his long innings Zwick has few scars to show and he has lost little of his boxing craft and skill. His nose is somewhat flattened but his ears are not marred and he is still lithe and keen of eye.

10th Title Fight

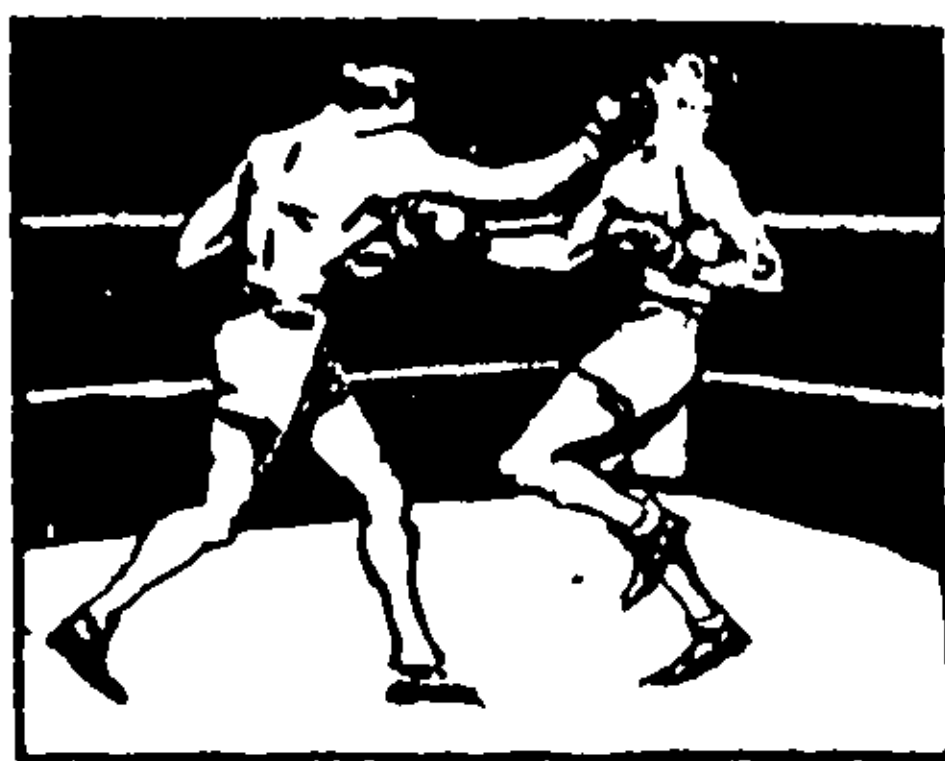
When Tarleton next steps into the ring in defence of his title he will be creating a British record.

SANDY HERD GOES ROUND COURSE IN 72

Sandy Herd, grand old man of golf, recently went round High Course, Moor Park Golf Club, in 72—a stroke for each year of his age.

This score, which many younger players would find difficult to beat, will be his last for some time, for Sandy was taken ill next day. He is in hospital and may have to undergo an operation.

"My father was pleased with his score," said Miss Alexandra Herd "but he has not been well lately, and the strain was too much for him. He will be seventy-three next month."



who has to make the weight. Bombardier Billy Wells, of course, fought in sixteen heavyweight title fights, but he did not have to worry about weight.

2,500 OFFERS OF MARRIAGE

No less than 2,500 Americans want to help pretty Vera Hrubá, the Czechoslovakian skating star, to avoid deportation, by marrying her.

That many proposals, Miss Hrubá said, were received after her plight was publicised in the press. She is threatened with deportation because her passport as an entertainer has expired. She said she would rather "die than return to Europe."—Reuter.

MADCAP BAER MODEL CITIZEN?

Uncle Billy McCarney gives the war-mad world something more serious to think about than a rampant Hitler. He shouts from the quarters where he is ballyhooing the one and only Max Baer.

"Max tumbles into bed at 10 p.m., and hits the road at 6:30 each morning and romps for an hour. Then the gym, doing floor work and torturing the bags for an hour. "Max is so settled it surprises me, who knew him all through his daftness days."

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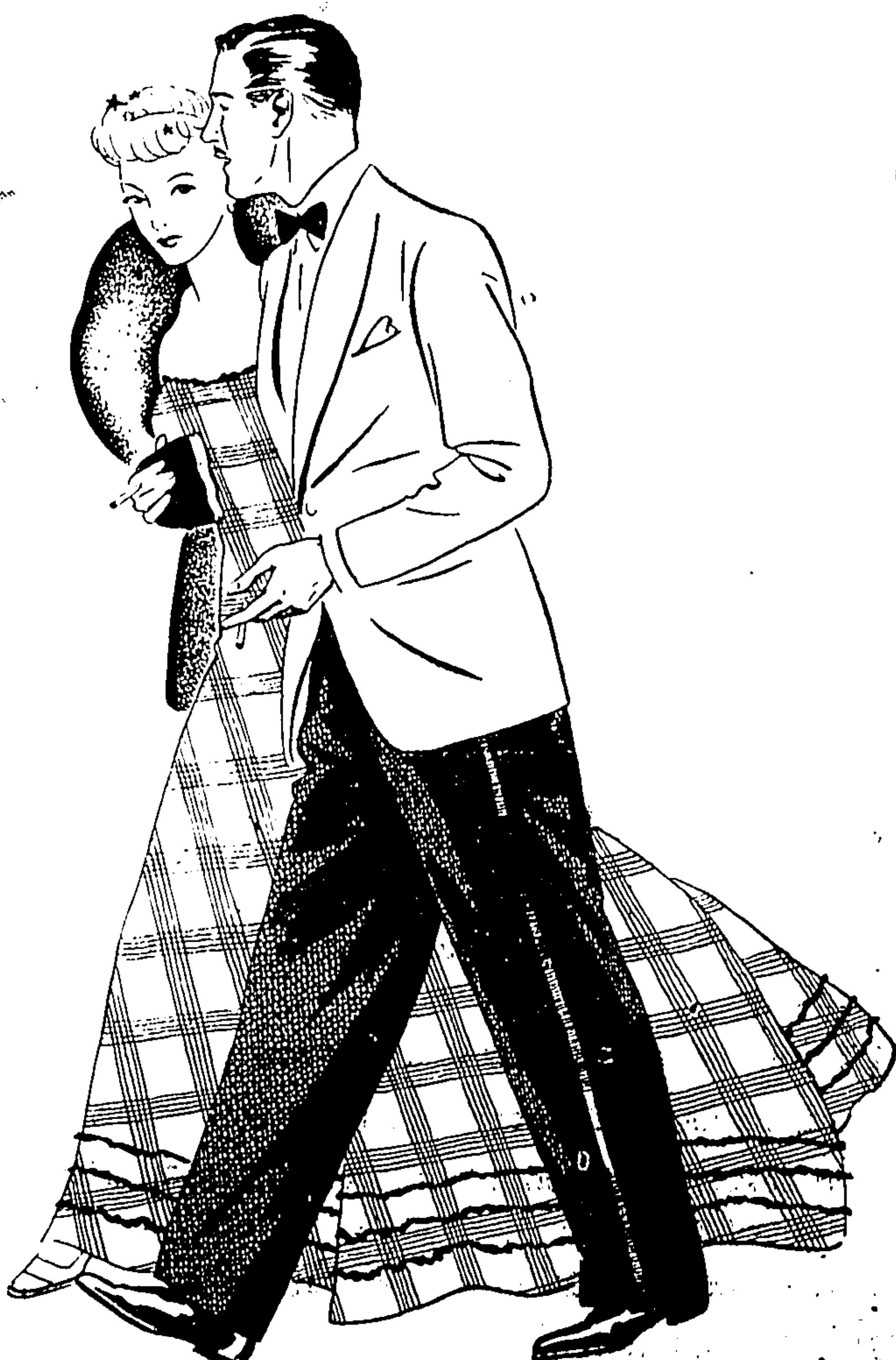
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(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet, on board H.M.S. Ark Royal)

WE HAVE JUST BEEN LISTENING ON THE RADIO TO FANTASTIC ITALIAN CLAIMS OF SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT BROUGHT DOWN DURING LAST WEEK'S AIR ATTACK ON BRITISH WARSHIPS ESCORTING A CONVOY IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

THE NAZI PERIL

"If the Nazis won, the hope of civilisation in Africa would be at an end and its peoples would be thrown back into slavery under German taskmasters."

This declaration was made in a broadcast yesterday by Lord Moyne, Secretary for the Colonies, speaking in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Nyasaland Protectorate.

Lord Moyne said that men from all parts of Africa had been fighting like lions in the Empire's armies which had destroyed Italian rule in East Africa. Reuter.

We were steaming merrily along quite unaware we had been struck by three torpedoes, and the glowing account of the damage inflicted on our ships gave us a good laugh after the grim night-hour battle between British fighters, ships, guns and Axis bombers.

The simple truth is that the Italian bombers, escorted by hordes of fighters and assisted by Nazi Stukas and Messerschmidts, with favourable weather, failed to secure even a near miss on any ship but were given such a rough handling by our fighters and a tremendous concentration of nearly 100 A.A. guns that they lost seven aircraft for certain and five more badly damaged.

Four actual attacks materialised in a day of perpetual threat, two by torpedo-bombers and two by high-flying bombers.

Every minute of the day the ship's fighters were constantly alert, for everywhere in the low-hanging clouds were enemy bomber formations.

We were steaming between Cagliari naval base and Sicily, so that the Italians were able

to accompany their bombers to accompany their bombers with many squadrons of fast, well-armed land fighters.

Relentless Attacks

While the ships' guns belched shells in an almost daylong barrage, spattering the clouds with dancing fire and innumerable black puffs of smoke, fighters flashed, twirled and dived among the clouds in a furious and relentless attack on the enemy bombers.

Many times in the far horizon around the ships could be seen spouting columns of water as bombers jettisoned their projectiles and fled from the blazing guns of British fighters, despite the groves of fighters protecting them.

Against such overwhelming odds, time and again our fighters snatched up a formation of bombers lurking in the clouds awaiting a favourable moment to swoop down and bomb the ships.

Notable Feat

The day's most notable feat came at dusk, when the last attack was made by torpedo-bombers, while at the same time a force of 30 Stukas, protected by six fighters, were cruising in the clouds with the obvious intention of making a simultaneous assault.

Suddenly six British fighters dived among them, machine-guns spitting venomously.

One Stuka dived into the sea in flames and two fighters staggered off into cloud shelter with smoke pouring from them.

Bullets rained on the gallant little group of British fighters from all sides but they maintained their attack until the enemy quailed.

HOPELESSLY THE SCATTERED STUKAS DROPPED THEIR BOMBS INTO THE SEA AND FLED, LEAVING OUR FIGHTERS HARD HIT BUT VICTORIOUS.—REUTER.

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GUN BATTLE SEQUEL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Serious repercussions loom over Tuesday's gunfight between Shanghai Settlement police and armed Wang Ching-wei guards in which a Wang man was killed and a Chinese and foreign S.M.P. officer wounded.

The S.M.P. and the Wang political police accuse each other of starting the battle, and both sides say they will demand apologies.

The S.M.P. report shows that the bodyguard of Mrs. Wu Szepau, wife of the Wang police chief in Shanghai, refused to surrender a Mauser for inspection when the car, with Mrs. Wu inside, was stopped by an S.M.P. search party.

Instead the bodyguard opened fire, wounding a foreign officer, according to the S.M.P.

The Wang police claim the report is "misleading" and demand

OUMANSKY GETS A SURPRISE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

M. Oumansky, Soviet Ambassador in Washington, expressed keen disappointment after his hour's interview with Secretary of State Cordell Hull yesterday over the American refusal to export machine-tools to Russia.

The Ambassador intimated that failure to meet what the Russians consider comparatively small demands will jeopardise the trade agreement.

The meeting covered entire trade relations, past, present and future.—International News Service.

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